



Dance in the
Vampire Bund

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Plaques a Dieu ja la rueziz non falsis

Ni l'mieus amics lonc de mi ro-s partis

Ni la gayta crida que l'alba vi.

Cy Deus, oy Deus, de l'alba!

fan fust vel!

Please God, may this our

night not fall to be,

nor may my friend depart

away from me;

by watchman neither day

nor dawn be seen.

My God, alas!

For dawn is seen so soon!

Anonyme, Alba

*Plagues a Dieu ja la nueitz
non falhis Ni-l mieus amicx
lone de mi no-s partis Ni la
gayta crida que l'alba vi. Oy
Dieus, oy Dieus, de l'alba! tan tost vel!*

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gayta crida que l'alba vi. Oy
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tost vel!

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lone de mi no-s partis Ni la
gayta crida que l'alba vi. Oy
Dieus, oy Dieus, de l'alba!
tan tost vel!

Plagues a Dieu ja la
nueitz non falhis Ni-l
mieus amicx lone de
mi no-s partis Ni la
gayta crida que l'alba
vi. Oy Dieus, oy Dieus,
de l'alba! tan tost vel!

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vi. Oy Dieus, oy Dieus,
de l'alba! tan tost vel!

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falhis Ni-l mieus amicx lone de mi
no-s partis Ni la gayta crida que*

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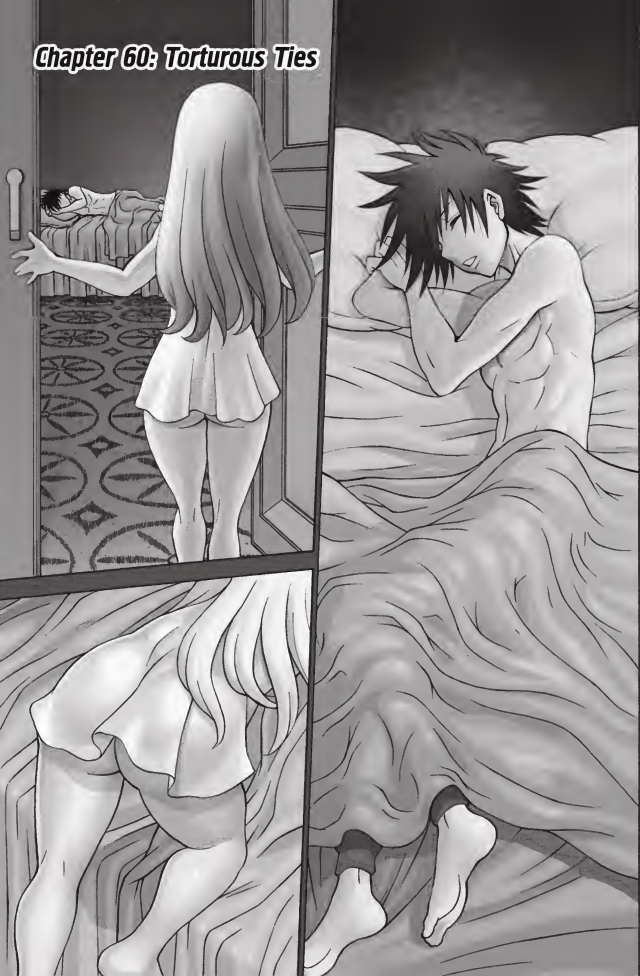
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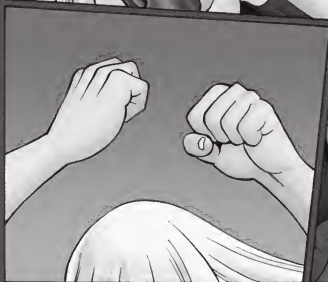
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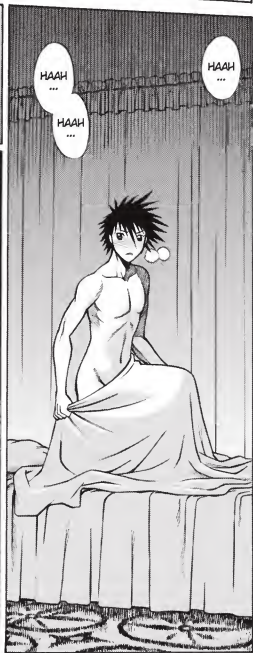
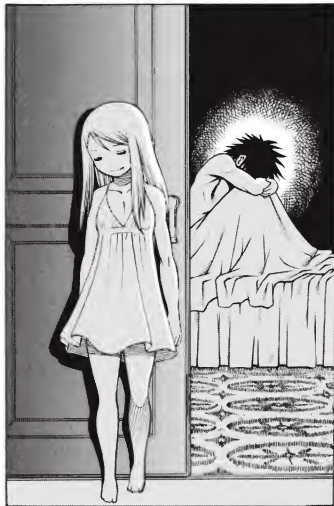
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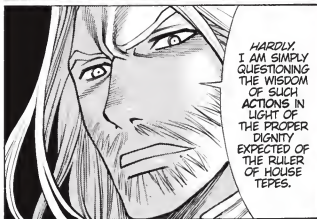








WHAT,
ARE YOU
JEALOUS
?



HARDLY.
I AM SIMPLY
QUESTIONING
THE WISDOM
OF SUCH
ACTIONS IN
LIGHT OF
THE PROPER
DIGNITY
EXPECTED OF
THE RULER
OF HOUSE
TEPES.



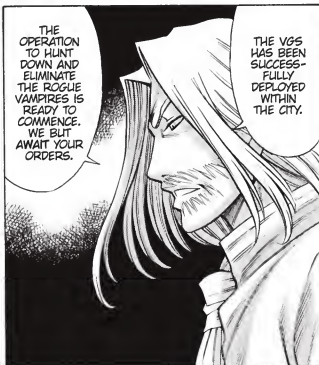
YOUR
MAJESTY,
THERE
ARE
LIMITS.

EVEN
WHEN
ONLY
ENGAGING
IN A
BIT OF...
SPORT.



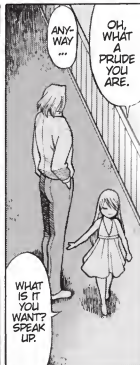
HEH...

HEH
HEH
HEH...



THE
OPERATION
TO HUNT
DOWN AND
ELIMINATE
THE ROGUE
VAMPIRES
IS READY TO
COMMENCE.
WE BUT
AWAIT YOUR
ORDERS.

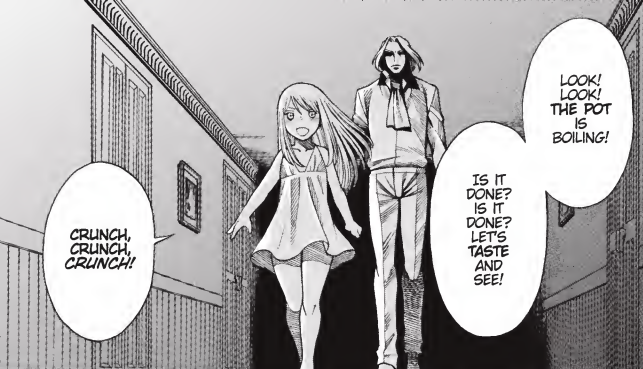
THE VGS
HAS BEEN
SUCCESS-
FULLY
DEPLOYED
WITHIN
THE CITY.



ANY-
WAY
...

OH, WHAT
A
PRIDE
YOU
ARE.

WHAT
IS IT
YOU
WANT?
SPEAK
UP.

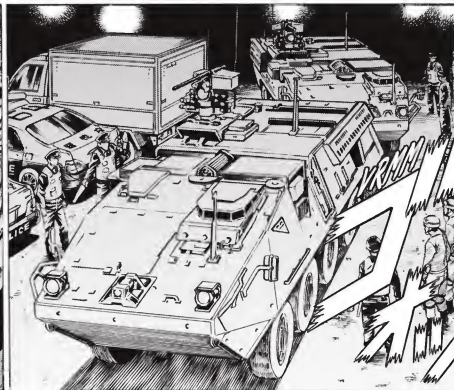


CRUNCH,
CRUNCH,
CRUNCH!

IS IT
DONE?
IS IT
DONE?
LET'S
TASTE
AND
SEE!

LOOK!
LOOK!
THE POT
IS
BOILING!

NOPE!
NOT
DONE
YET.





THERE
ISN'T
ANY-
THING
WE
CAN
DO
ABOUT
IT.

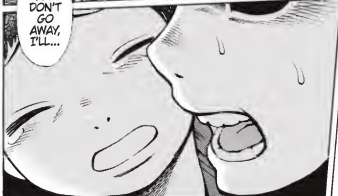
THIS
WAS
A
DECISION
MADE
BY
THE
GOVERN-
MENT.



YES.
BUT
WE
DON'T
HAVE
ANY
CHOICE.

THIS
IS
ABOUT
AS
SMART
AS
DUMPING
A
POT
OF
OIL
ON
A
FIRE.
Y'KNOW?

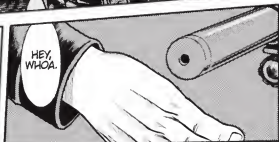






NOW, MA'AM?
I'M REALLY
SORRY TO
SAY THIS,
BUT YOU'RE
STILL ONLY
MOSTLY A
VAMPIRE.
YOU'RE NOT
ALL THE WAY THERE
YET.

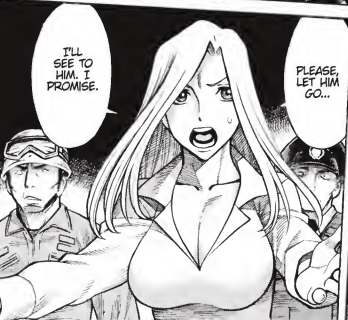
THAT
MEANS IF
YOU TRY TO
BITE THE
LITTLE TYKE
NOW, ALL
YOU'LL DO
IS HURT
HIM.



HEY,
WHOA.



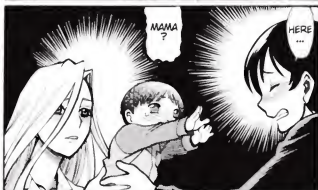
EASY, THERE.
LET'S SAVE
WAVING
THE GUNS
AROUND
FOR OVER IN
THE BUND,
OKAY?



I'LL
SEE TO
HIM. I
PROMISE.

PLEASE,
LET HIM
GO...

THIS
HERE'S A
PEACEFUL
CITY.
FOUNDED
ON THE
RULE OF
LAW.



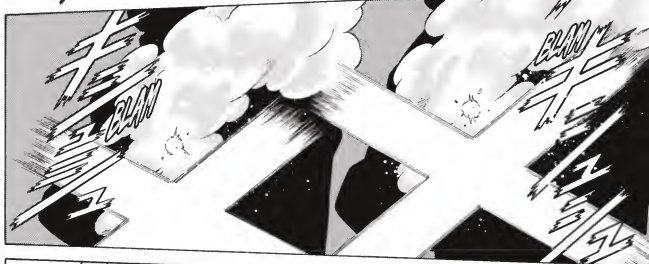


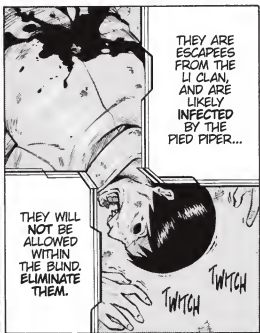
I MAY
NOT BE
ABLE TO
DO MUCH,
BUT YOU
CAN BET
I'LL BE
WITH YOU
EVERY
STEP OF
THE WAY.

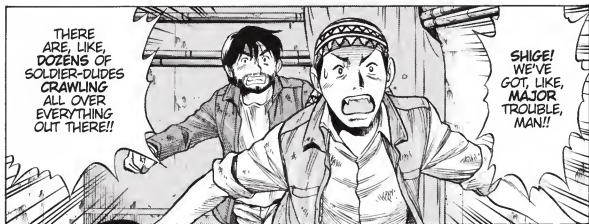


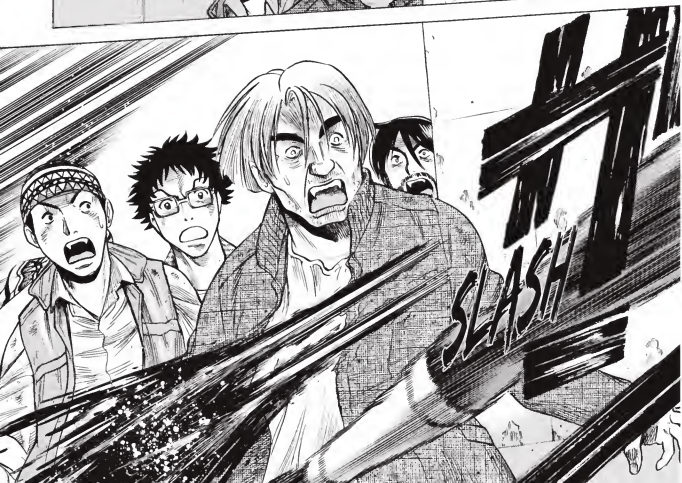
I'M
GOING
TO
FIND
THAT
SOME-
ONE.

I'M
GOING TO
FIND HIM,
AND DRAG
HIM OUT
INTO THE
SUNLIGHT,
WHERE
EVERYONE
CAN SEE HIS
CRIMES!!

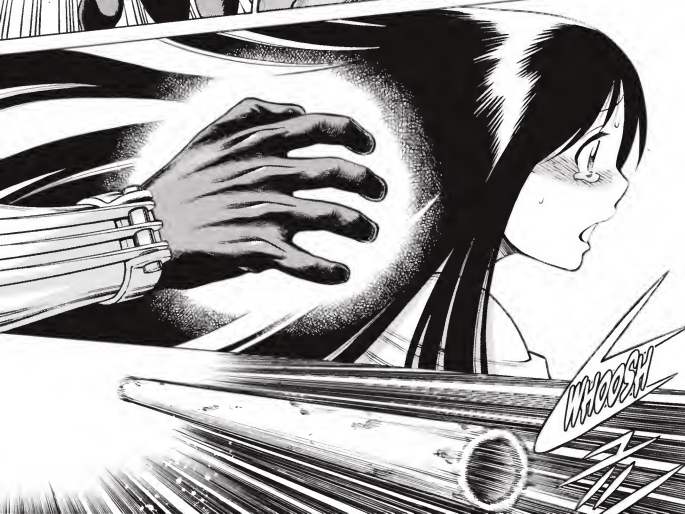


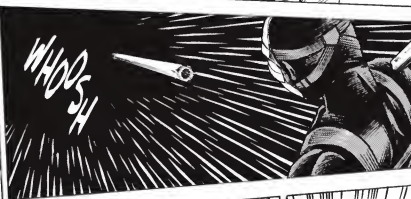
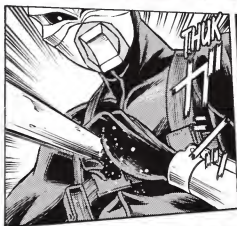




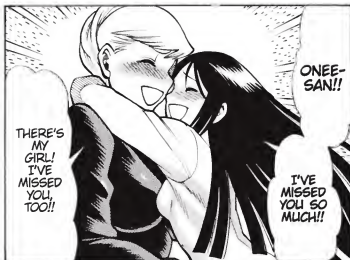












THERE'S
MY
GIRL!
I'VE
MISSED
YOU,
TOO!!

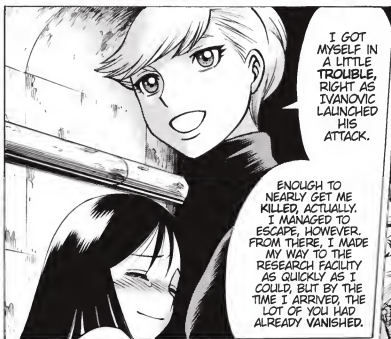
ONEE-
SAN!!

I'VE
MISSED
YOU SO
MUCH!!



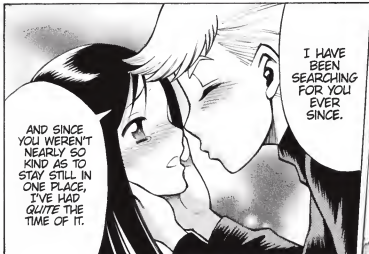
TATI
ANNA
!

TATI
ANNA-
ONEESAN
!!



I GOT
MYSELF IN
A LITTLE
TROUBLE,
RIGHT AS
IVANOVIC
LAUNCHED
HIS
ATTACK.

ENOUGH TO
NEARLY GET ME
KILLED, ACTUALLY.
I MANAGED TO
ESCAPE, HOWEVER.
FROM THERE, I MADE
MY WAY TO THE
RESEARCH FACILITY
AS QUICKLY AS I
COULD, BUT BY THE
TIME I ARRIVED, THE
LOT OF YOU HAD
ALREADY VANISHED.



AND SINCE
YOU WEREN'T
NEARLY SO
KIND AS TO
STAY STILL IN
ONE PLACE,
I'VE HAD
QUITE THE
TIME OF IT.

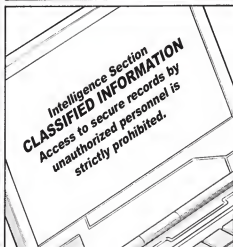
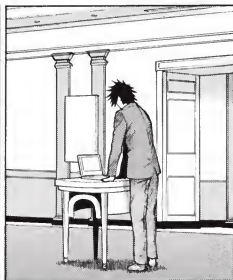
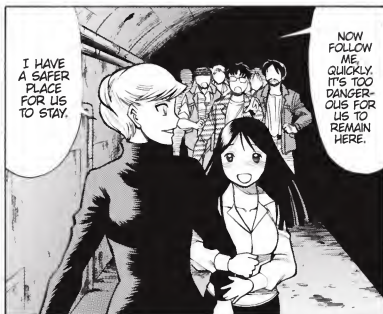
I HAVE
BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR YOU
EVER
SINCE.

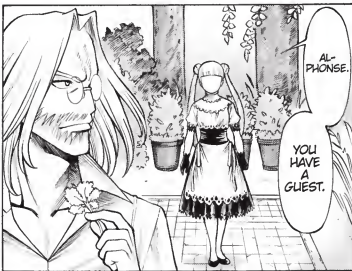


TATI
ANNA,
WHERE
THE
HELL
HAVE
YOU
BEEN?!

WE'VE
BEEN
WORRIED
SICK
ABOUT
YOU!!

HEY,
NOW,
I COULD
SAY THE
SAME,
RIGHT
BACK AT
YOU.









WHERE DID YOU SEND THE VICTIMS FROM THE ROGUE VAMPIRE ATTACK?



ALAS, I'M AFRAID I MUST DISAPPOINT YOU. THIS WAS NOT MY DOING...

IT WAS HER MAJESTY'S.



THAT MEANS YOU DID IT!!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PLANNING THIS TIME, HUH?!



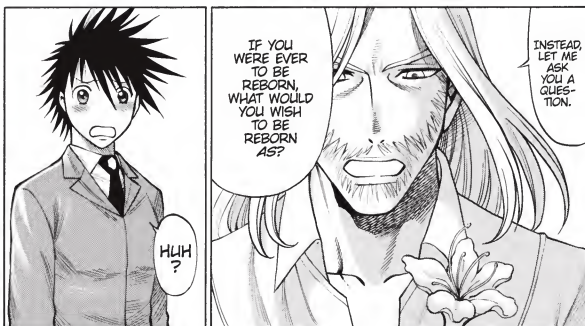
THEIR TRANSPORT NEVER ARRIVED AT THE BLIND. I CHECKED!

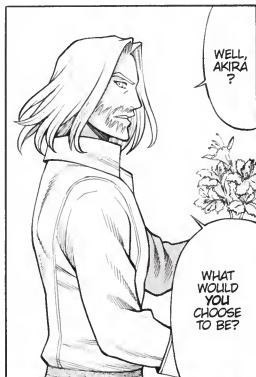
IT TOOK FOREVER TO FIND ANYTHING! BUT WHEN I DID MANAGE TO DIG SOMETHING UP, ALL IT SAID WAS THAT THEIR DESTINATION WAS SUDDENLY AND /INEXPLICABLY CHANGED! THE LOCATION WAS CLASSIFIED "ULTRA TOP SECRET"! ONLY SOMEONE AT THE VERY TOP OF THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION EVEN HAS THAT KIND OF CLEARANCE!!



HIME-SAN'S ...?

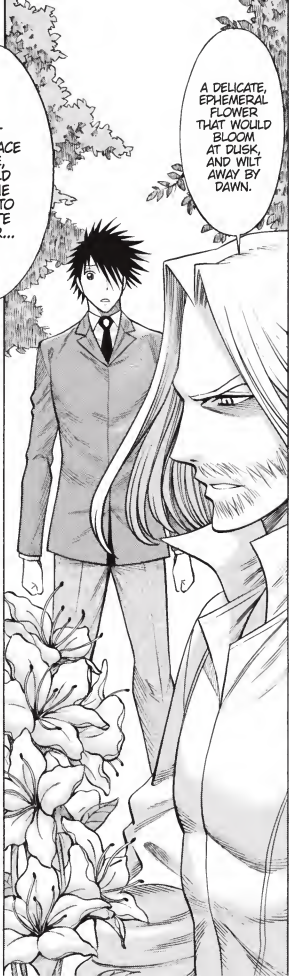
NO! SHE'D NEVER !!



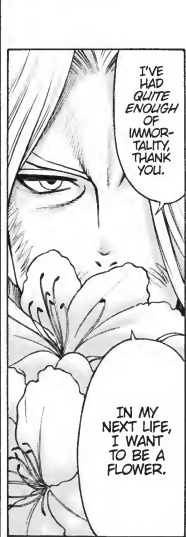




AND IF,
IN THAT
BRIEF SPACE
OF TIME,
I SHOULD
HAVE THE
CHANCE TO
DECORATE
HER HAIR...



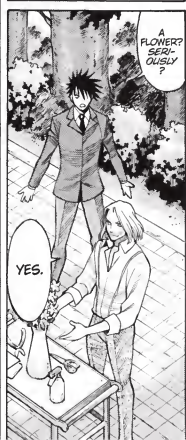
A DELICATE,
EPHEMERAL
FLOWER
THAT WOULD
BLOOM
AT DUSK,
AND WILT
AWAY BY
DAWN.



I'VE
HAD
QUITE
ENOUGH
OF
IMMOR-
TALITY,
THANK
YOU.

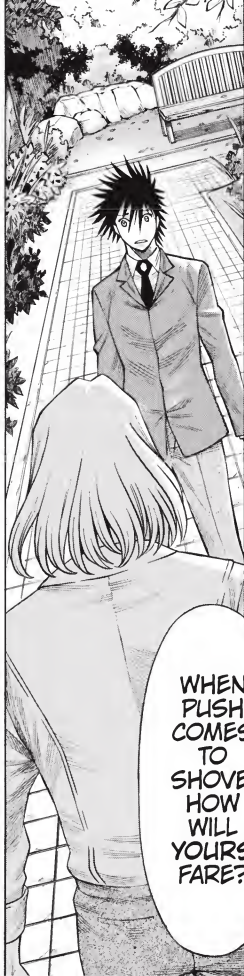
IN MY
NEXT LIFE,
I WANT
TO BE A
FLOWER.

THAT
WOULD
BE
ENOUGH.



A
FLOWER?
SERI-
OUSLY
?

YES.



WHEN
PUSH
COMES
TO
SHOVE,
HOW
WILL
YOURS
FARE?



WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?



BUT NOW,
I AM NOT
A FLOWER.
AND MY
LOYALTY
TO HER
MAJESTY WILL
NEVER
WAVER.



ALL THE IMPLICATIONS,
ALL THE SUSPICIONS
THAT ARE STARTING
TO FLY AROUND
"MINA."

BUT HE IS STEADFASTLY
REFUSING TO SEE.
HE SQUEEZES
HIS EYES CLOSED
AND COVERS HIS
EARS, TELLING
HIMSELF OVER
AND OVER THAT
HE DOESN'T
DOUBT "MINA"
ONE BIT.



FOOL-
ISH
AKIRA.

HE MUST
BE FEELING
AS IF HIS
HEART IS
BEING
TORN IN A
THOUSAND
DIFFERENT
DIRECTIONS
RIGHT
NOW.



YOU
SHOULD...
AFTER
ALL, YOU
WERE
THERE.

THE
TERRIBLE
MISTAKE
THAT HE
MADE WHEN
HE FIRST
CAME HERE...
IT HAUNTS
HIM STILL.
IT BINDS
HIM.



DO
YOU
KNOW
WHY?

YOU SEE,
HE CAN'T
DOUBT "MINA."
IT IS
PHYSICALLY
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR HIM
TO DO SO.

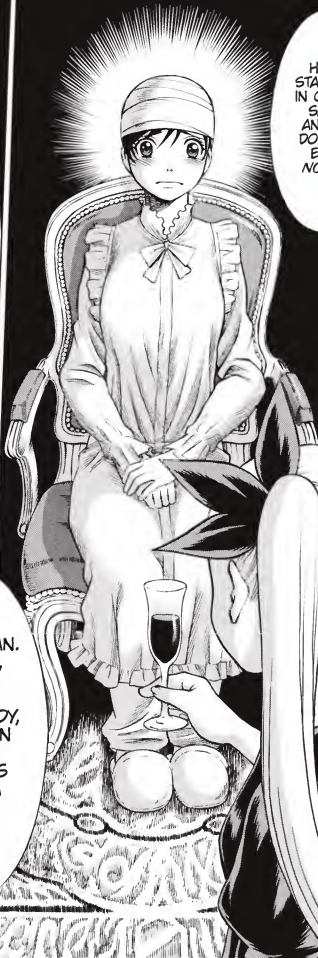


"SCENTS
CAN'T
LIE,"
HM?
HAH!

THERE ARE
DOZENS OF
TRICKS THAT
CAN BE USED
TO GET
AROUND EVEN
A WEREWOLF'S
ACUTE SENSE
OF SMELL.
BUT IN AKIRA'S
CASE, THE
PROBLEM IS
EVEN GREATER
THAN THAT.



WATCH,
LITTLE HUMAN.
SIT THERE,
HELPLESS
IN YOUR
BROKEN BODY,
AS THE MAN
YOU LOVE
STRUGGLES
AGAINST A
TRAP HE
CANNOT
ESCAPE...



HE IS
STANDING
IN QUICK-
SAND,
AND HE
DOESN'T
EVEN
NOTICE
IT.

Chapter 61: Her World

SO MY MOTHER
WENT BACK TO
THE JOB SHE
HAD LEFT WHEN
SHE MARRIED--
INTERPRETING--
AND RAISED ME
ON HER OWN.



I NEVER
KNEW MY
FATHER.
HE DIED
SOON AFTER
I WAS
BORN.

THAT THOUGHT
BECAME MY
UNSHAKEABLE
BELIEF...



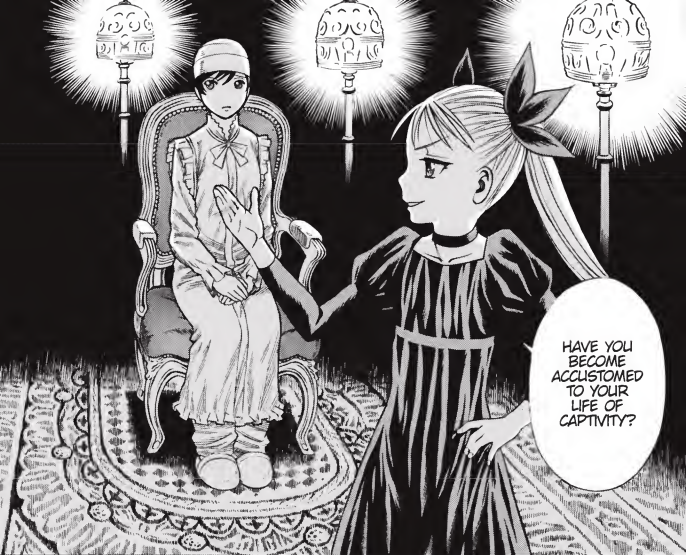
I HAD
TO BE A
GOOD GIRL.
I HAD
TO BE,
FOR MOM.

IT
WASN'T
AN EASY
JOB.
SHE
WORKED
HARD,
DAY AND
NIGHT.
AND THE
ONE
THING
SHE
ALWAYS
SAID
WAS...

OH, YUKI,
WHAT A
GOOD
LITTLE GIRL
YOU ARE!
IT'S SUCH A
BIG HELP
TO ME.

AND MY
INESCAPABLE
CURSE.





HAVE YOU
BECOME
ACCLUSTOMED
TO YOUR
LIFE OF
CAPTIVITY?



I
KNOW
WHAT
IT'S
LIKE,
YOU
KNOW.

BELIEVE
ME,
I DO.



SO YOU
MAKE YOURSELF
OBSEQUIOUSLY
OBEDIENT,
ATTENTIVE TO MY
EVERY COMMAND,
ALL THE WHILE
DESPERATELY
ATTEMPTING
TO DIVINE MY
THOUGHTS
AND PLANS.

YOU
MUST BE
CONSTANTLY
ALERT. YOU CANNOT
AFFORD
TO MISS
EVEN MY
SLIGHTEST
WORD OR
GESTURE.

AFTER
ALL, ANY
ONE OF
THEM
COULD
SIGNAL
THE END
OF YOUR
SHORT,
LITTLE
LIFE.

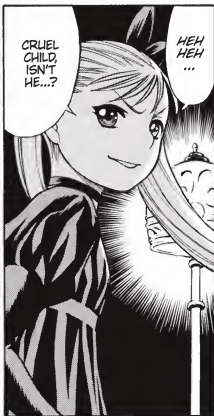
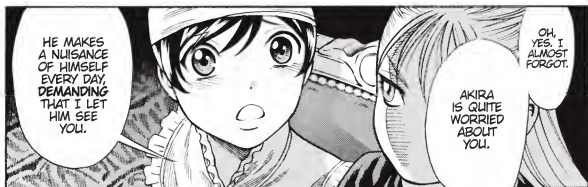
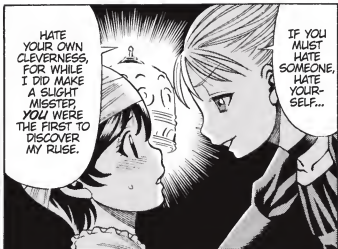


IT
MUST
BE
QUITE
TERRI-
FYING
FOR YOU.

HELPLESS
AND
BROKEN,
SUR-
ROUNDED
BY ENEMIES
AND COM-
PLETELY
CUT OFF
FROM ALL
CONTACT
WITH THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD...



BUT YOU DIDN'T DO IT CLEVERLY ENOUGH.





AKIRA-KUN
WAS
IMMEDIATELY
THE CENTER
OF OUR
ENTIRE
CLASS.

WE
FIRST
MET
SOON
AFTER
WE
STARTED
JUNIOR
HIGH.



CHEERFUL,
BOISTEROUS,
KIND...
PEOPLE
FLOCKED TO
HIM LIKE IT
WAS THE
MOST
NATURAL
THING IN THE
WORLD.



TO ME,
AKIRA-KUN
WAS
BLINDINGLY
BRIGHT...

AND I
ALWAYS FELT
TERRIBLY
AWKWARD
AROUND
HIM.

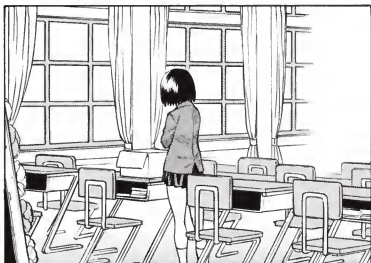


BUT AT
THAT TIME,
I... I WAS
ALREADY
FIRMLY
LABELED BY
THE CLASS AS
A "GOODIE-
TWO-SHOES"
AND
"TEACHER'S
PET."

AW, MAN!
IT'S SO
BORING
HERE WHEN
AKIRA ISN'T
AROUND!!









HM
...?

I, UH...
I'M
LIVING
ALONE
WITH MY
DAD.

HEY,
UM,
SAE-
GUSA?



BUT THEN
EVERYBODY ELSE
HAS TO GO AND SAY,
"OH, AREN'T YOU
SUCH A GOOD,
STRONG BOY!"
WHenever ANYBODY
SAYS THAT TO ME,
I REALLY WANT TO
TELL THEM TO JUST
SHUT UP. THEY HAVE
NO CLUE WHAT I'M
GOING THROUGH,
HOW MUCH I
WANNA SEE MOM,
AND HOW HARD
IT IS FOR ME
NOT TO...

I WANT
TO SEE
HER LOTS
MORE
THAN I DO,
BUT I CAN'T
ASK TO.
I'D JUST
BE A
BOTHER
AND GET
IN THE
WAY...



YEAH. MOM'S
PREGNANCY
WITH MY BABY
BROTHER
DID A REAL
NUMBER ON HER
HEALTH.

SHE WENT
TO LIVE
OUT IN THE
COUNTRY,
SO SHE
COULD
RECOVER
IN PEACE
AND QUIET.
I DON'T GET
TO SEE HER
MUCH...



KATSU-
RAGI-
KUN...?

ARGH!
I'LL
JUST
SAY
IT!

AND...
DAMMIT,
HOW'D
I GET
ON THIS
SUBJECT
?

SO, UH...
WHAT I'M
TRYING TO
SAY IS,
UM--



HE WAS
THE FIRST
ONE TO
NOTICE.

THE
FIRST
ONE TO
UNDER-
STAND
JUST
HOW
LONELY
I
WAS...



I BET
YOU'RE
GOING
THROUGH
A LOT OF
CRAP,
AND IT'S
GOTTA
SUCK!

I KNOW
HOW
IT FEELS.
THAT'S
WHAT I
WANTED
TO SAY.



AKIRA-KUN.

DEAR,
PRECIOUS
AKIRA-KUN.

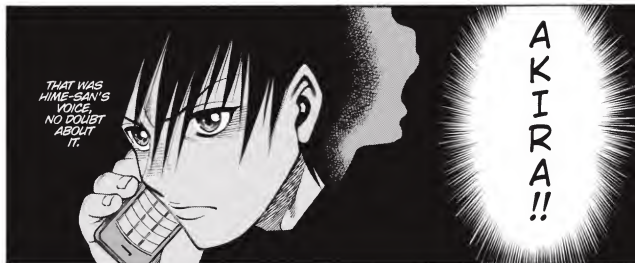


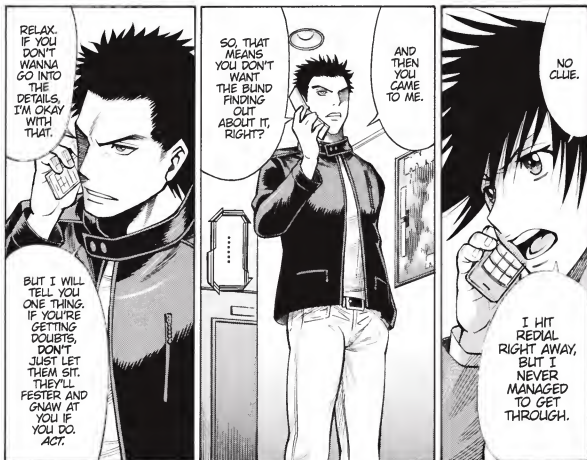
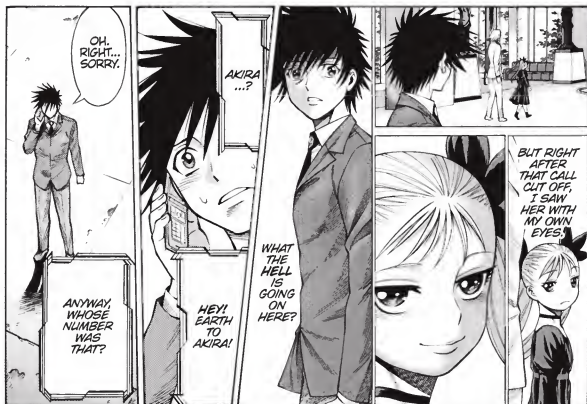
AH!

HUH
...?

OH
...

CRAP!
I'M
SORRY,
SAEGUSA!
I
DIDN'T
MEAN
TO!







TRUST
YOUR
IN-
STINCTS.



AKIRA IS
PHYSICALLY
INCAPABLE
OF
DOUBTING
ME...



WELL,
NOT ME
PER SE,
BUT
MINA.

ACT.
YOU'RE
THE ONLY
ONE
WHO'S
REALLY
WITH HER
RIGHT
NOW.

I'VE
TOLD
YOU
ONCE,
AND
I'LL
TELL
YOU
AGAIN.



BUT EVEN I CAN BE PROVEN WRONG SOMETIMES. HIS LITTLE REVOLT YIELDED UNEXPECTED FRUIT.



JEAN MARAIS WAS CHARISMATIC, YES, BUT HARDLY INTELLIGENT. HIS MIND WAS AS SHARP AS A BOWL OF TAPIOCA PUDDING.

THOUGH, OUR DAYS OF GLORY NOW LONG GONE.

THEIR SPECIES.

I WAS THE ONE WHO CONVINCED HIM TO DO IT, OF COURSE.

HOWEVER, I DID NOT DO SO EXPECTING ANY KIND OF WORTH-WHILE RESULTS OUT OF IT.



ONCE, HE DID LOOK AT HER WITH DEEP DOUBTS IN HIS EYES.



HE FELT BETRAYED, YOU SEE FOR THE TRUE FACE OF THE ONE HE LOVED WAS NOTHING AT ALL WHAT HE THOUGHT IT TO BE.

HIS NAÏVE HEART BRUISED, HE LASHED OUT AT HER. AH, THE UNKNOWING CRUELTY OF THE INNOCENT...

I HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

YOU JUST DIDN'T KNOW ME.

HORRIFIED BY MINA'S ACTIONS, AKIRA TURNED HIS BACK ON HER. ABANDONED HER.



FAR MORE THAN HE REALIZED.

HE HONESTLY AND TRULY HURT HER. BADLY.

HE HURT HER.



YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT TIME. YOU WERE THERE.

IT WAS WHEN JEAN MARAIS STAGED HIS LITTLE VAMPIRE LIPRISING AT YOUR SCHOOL.



AND IT WAS FROM THAT INNOCENCE THAT HIS HARSH WORDS CAME. WORDS THAT SHONE A MERCILESS SPOTLIGHT ON THE DARKNESS IN MINA'S SOUL AND REVEILED HER FOR IT.

SHE WAS PROFOUNDLY SHAMED AND DEEPLY DEPRESSED, NEITHER A FEELING SHE WAS ACCLIMATED TO...

HIS INNOCENCE, HIS VERY EXISTENCE WAS A MUCH-NEEDED TOUCHSTONE FOR HER.



FOR MINA, WHO HAD LIVED THE WHOLE OF HER LIFE IN BLOOD-SOAKED DARKNESS, AKIRA WAS THE BREAKING LIGHT OF DAWN.



AKIRA HAD UNWITTINGLY DRIVEN MINA INTO A CORNER.

WHEN AKIRA FINALLY REALIZED WHAT HE HAD DONE... OH, HOW GREAT OF IT MUST HAVE BEEN.

SHE WAS DESPERATE ENOUGH TO WANT TO DIE.

HOW DO I KNOW ALL THIS, YOU ASK?

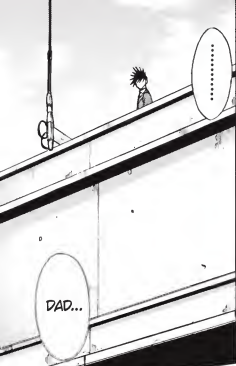
EASILY.

I READ MINA'S MIND.

IF SHE WAS TO LOSE THE ONE THING THAT MADE HER LIFE WORTH LIVING-- AKIRA-- THEN SHE WOULD RATHER DIE AT HIS HAND THAN SUFFER WITHOUT HIM...

WHEN THE TWO FINALLY FOUGHT IN THE CHAPEL, MINA WANTED TO DIE...





DAD...

AS LONG
AS THAT
FEAR RESIDES
WITHIN HIM,
HE WILL NEVER
SUSPECT ME OF
ANYTHING.

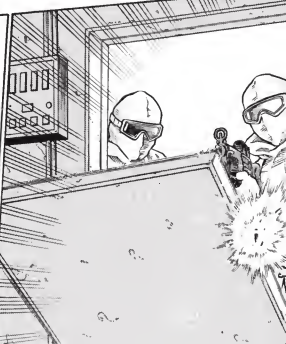
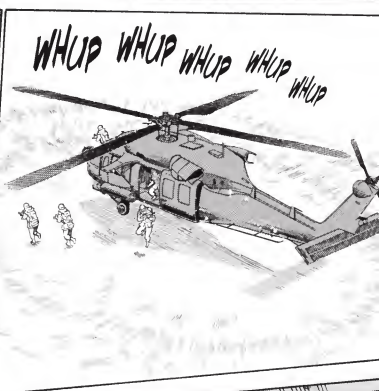
HE WAS
HURT.
TRAUMATI-
CALLY SO.

HE
CANNOT
DOUBT
MINA
AGAIN.
IT'S A
SELF-
DEFENSE
MECHA-
NISM.

WHAT
AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO
NOW...?

IT'S
PHYSICALLY
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR HIM TO
DO SO.

HE THINKS
THAT IF
HE DOES,
THERE IS
THE CHANCE
THAT THIS
TIME, HE MIGHT
TRULY LOSE
HER FOR
GOOD.





RATTLE



SHAK SHAK



DAMN. WHOLE PLACE IS EMPTY.

OUR LEAD PROVES FALSE, THEN...



INCOMING COMMUNICATION FROM THE STRIKE SQUAD, SIR!



DO NOT SHOOT.

COME OUT SLOWLY, AND WITH YOUR HANDS UP!



NO, SIR.
NABOKOV
WASN'T
HERE.

BUT HE
DID
LEAVE A
MESSAGE
FOR US.



HAVE YOU
CAPTURED
GENERAL
NABOKOV
?

IT'S
ME.



OPEN
DIA-
LOGUE
?

DON'T
YOU MEAN
YOU WANT
TO OPEN
NEGOTIA-
TIONS?



I MADE
NO MISTAKE.
AS THE
FUTURE OF
BOTH CLAN
IVANOVIC AND
CLAN TEPES
IS IN PERIL,
IT IS A
"DIALOGUE."

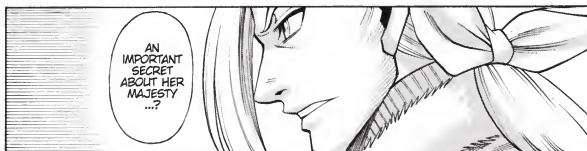
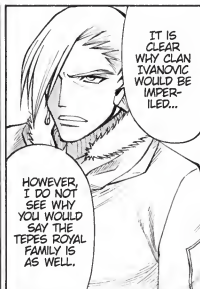
PLEASE,
AT LEAST
CONSIDER
OUR OFFER.



GREETINGS,
SIR. I AM
NADYENKA
NAKHODKA
...

FIRST
LIEUTEN-
ANT OF
GENERAL
NABOKOV'S
IRREGULAR
INFANTRY
BATTALION.

MY
SUPERIOR
OFFICERS
RESPECTFULLY
REQUEST
AN OPEN
DIALOGUE
WITH THE
COMMANDING
OFFICERS OF
THE ARMY
OF CLAN
TEPES.



FOR
THERE IS
ONE THING
I JUST
CANNOT
UNDER-
STAND.

TELL ME
SOMETHING,
YUKI.

ONE IS THE
MAN WHO
ABANDONED
YOU FOR
ANOTHER.
THE OTHER IS
THE WOMAN
WHO STOLE
HIM FROM
YOU.

WHY
ARE YOU
STILL
FRIENDS
WITH
THEM?

HEH...
TO BE
HONEST,
I THINK
IT MAY BE
A BIT OF
BOTH.
ISN'T IT?

OR ARE
YOU INSTEAD
A BEGGAR,
DESPERATELY
CLINGING TO
THEM BOTH IN
THE HOPE THAT
THEY MAY DEIGN
TO SEND SOME
SCRAPS OF
AFFECTION
YOUR WAY?

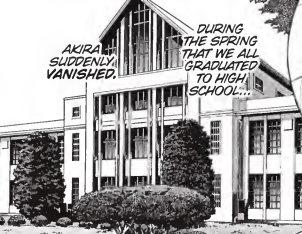
ARE YOU
SIMPLY
THAT
STUPID?

WHAT IS
SHE TO
YOU?

WHAT
IS HE
TO YOU,
ANYWAY
?

AKIRA
SUDDENLY
VANISHED.

DURING
THE SPRING
THAT WE ALL
GRADUATED
TO HIGH
SCHOOL...



I REALIZED
SOMETHING
THEN.



I KNEW THAT
HE HAD SEEN
SOMETHING--
LOOKED INTO
A WORLD--
THAT NONE
OF THE REST
OF US WOULD
EVER KNOW.

I WAS
DESPERATE
TO MAKE
HIM TURN
AND LOOK
BACK AT
US--
AT ME.

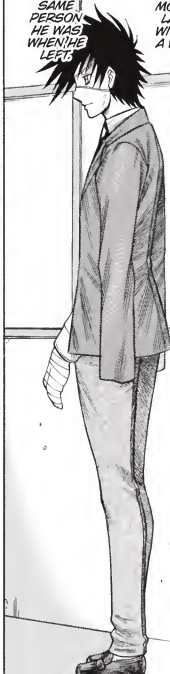


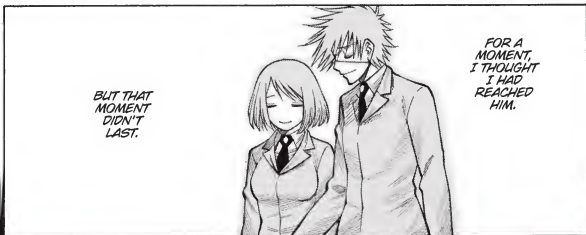
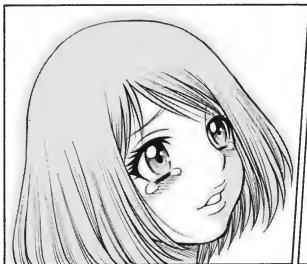
I HAD TO DO
SOMETHING,
ANYTHING,
TO TRY AND
KEEP HIM
HERE.

BUT HE
DIDN'T COME
BACK THE
SAME
PERSON
HE WAS
WHEN HE
LEFT.



HE LEFT
WITHOUT A
WORD, AND
RETURNED
MONTHS
LATER,
WITHOUT
A WORD.





BUT THAT
MOMENT
DIDN'T
LAST.

FOR A
MOMENT,
I THOUGHT
I HAD
REACHED
HIM.

I...
CAN'T
GO OUT
WITH
YOU,
YUKI.

I'M
SORRY.

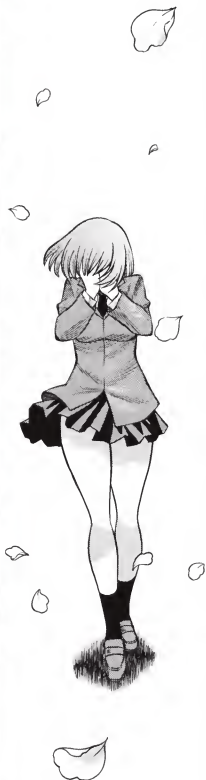
**INDEPENDENT NATION BUILT
ON ISLAND IN TOKYO BAY**

Inhabitants Straight Out Of Fairy Tales—VAMPIRES!

THAT I
FINALLY
DISCOVERED
WHO HAD
STOLEN HIM
FROM ME.

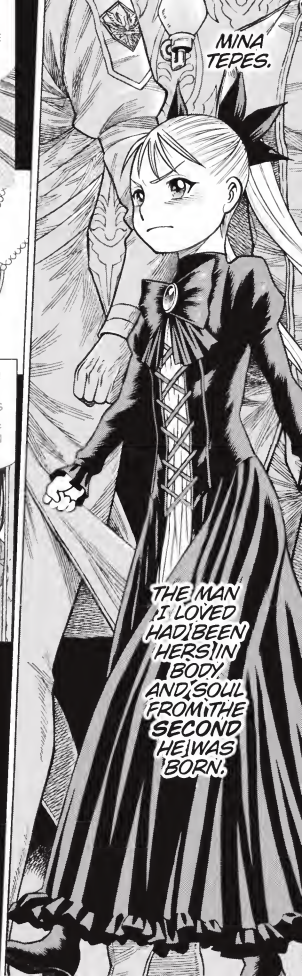
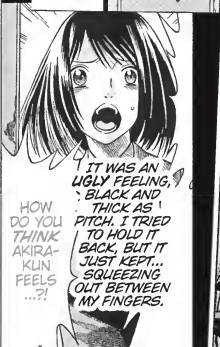
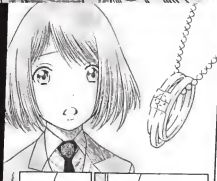
IT
WASN'T
UNTIL
LATER...

THEY REALLY EXIST?!



THAT'S
WHEN I
LEARNED
ANOTHER
THING...

YOU'RE
NOT
BEING
FAIR!!





HATRED.

DESIRE.

THE SAME
FEELINGS
AS YOURS
HIDE
WITHIN ME
AS WELL,
I ASSURE
YOU.

THE
INSATIABLE
NEED TO
REGAIN
WHAT WAS
DENIED ME,
AND TO HAVE
REVENGE
UPON THOSE
WHO STOLE
IT...



YOU
NEEDN'T
SAY A
THING.
I
UNDER-
STAND.

I
KNOW
WHAT
IT IS
LIKE,
YUKI.



IF I HAD
AN AVATAR
I COULD
TRANSFORM
INTO,
I WONDER
WHAT IT
WOULD BE.

GIVEN
WHAT
I SAW OF
MYSELF
THEN,
IT WOULD BE
SOMETHING
UGLY AND
MONSTROUS
FOR SURE.

SOMETHING
I'D NEVER
KNOWN
BEFORE...

THE
REAL
ME.



FRIENDS,
YUKI.

I DO
NOT
KILL MY
FRIENDS.



THEN,
WE
SHALL BE
FRIENDS.

NOD, YUKI.
SIMPLY NOD
TO TELL ME
THAT YOU
UNDERSTAND,
TOO.



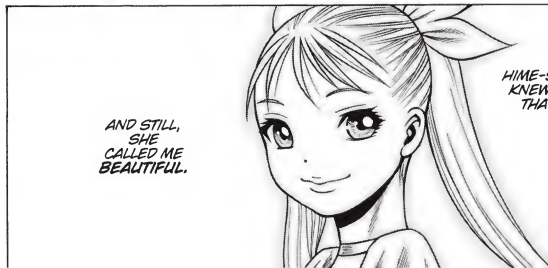
I'M A
WEAK AND
PATHETIC
HUMAN,
WITH A
MISERABLE,
HATEFUL
EXCUSE FOR
A SOUL.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

I'M NO
"GOOD GIRL."
NO "GOODIE-
TWO-SHOES."



BUT...



AND STILL,
SHE
CALLED ME
BEAUTIFUL.

HIME-SAMA
KNEW ALL
THAT...



FOR THE
FIRST
TIME...

I MADE A
TRUE
FRIEND,
ONE WHO
ACCEPTED
ME FOR
WHO
I AM.

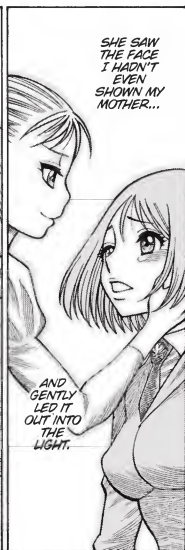
SHE
JUST
ACCEPTED
IT.
FORGAVE
IT.



I HID
NOTHING
FROM HER.
I THREW
MY RAGE
AND
HATRED
RIGHT
IN HER
FACE.



SHE
HUGGED
ME,
HELD
ME.



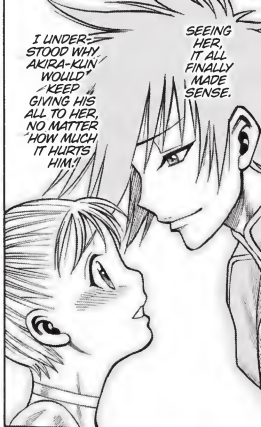
SHE SAW
THE FACE
I HADN'T
EVEN
SHOWN MY
MOTHER...

AND
GENTLY
LED IT
OUT INTO
THE
LIGHT.



STILL
FEELING
HONOR-
BOUND
TO DEFEND
THOSE
THIEVES
WHO RAN
ROUGHSHOD
ALL OVER
YOU?

WHAT?



I UNDER-
STOOD WHY
AKIRA-KUN
WOULD
KEEP
GIVING HIS
ALL TO HER,
NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
IT HURTS
HIM!

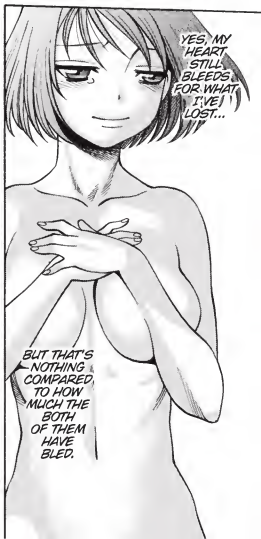
SEEING
HER,
IT ALL
FINALLY
MADE
SENSE.



YOU
THINK
YOU
KNOW
EVERY-
THING...

.....
!

BUT
WHAT
DO YOU
REALLY
KNOW
ABOUT
THOSE
TWO?



YES, MY
HEART
STILL
BLEEDS
FOR WHAT
I'VE
LOST...

BUT THAT'S
NOTHING
COMPARED
TO HOW
MUCH THE
BOTH
OF THEM
HAVE
BLED.

SNEER

HN...
SO, I
GUESS THIS
MEANS MY
GENEROUS
OFFER OF
ALLIANCE
HAS BEEN
REFUSED.

WELL
THEN,
YOU READ
WHAT
YOU SOW.
PREPARE
YOURSELF!

CLENCH

WHAT
DO YOU
REALLY
UNDERSTAND
ABOUT US?
NOTHING!!

**I WILL
PROTECT
THEM...**

**I
SWEAR
I
WILL!!**

**YOU
AREN'T
GOING
TO WIN!**

**I
WON'T
LET
YOU!**



Chapter 62: Silent Battle





OR A
VAMPIRE
AMONGST
HUMANS.



OH,
MANY OF
OUR PEOPLE
DO
DESIRE
JUST
THAT.

HOWEVER,
I WANT
SOMETHING
A LITTLE...
DIFFERENT.



LET
US
GET
DOWN
TO
BUSI-
NESS.

YOU CAME
TO US
WITH THE
REQUEST
FOR THIS
DIALOGUE
...

HOWEVER,
WASN'T THIS
SUPPOSED TO
BE YOUR
WAR OF
REVENGE
FOR THE
DEATH OF
YOUR LORD?



YOU ATTEMPT
TO SAVE
YOUR CLAN,
EVEN THOUGH
THE LORD
WHO WAS ITS
HEART NO
LONGER
EXISTS...?



I INTENDED
TO CREATE
A LITTLE
RESISTANCE,
JUST
ENOUGH TO
CONVINCE
YOU TO
CONSIDER
THESE
TALKS.



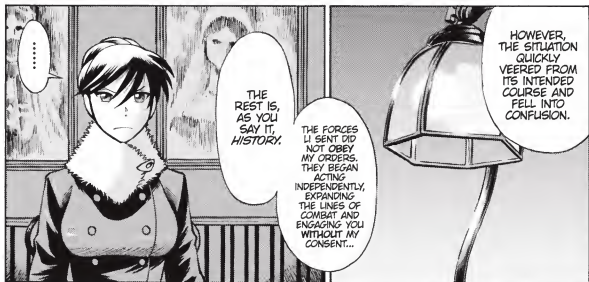
THAT IS A
SENTIMENT
YOU ARE
FAMILIAR
WITH,
YES?

I CANNOT
BEAR THE
THOUGHT OF
ALL TRACES
OF CLAN
IVANOVIC
BEING WIPED
FROM THE
WORLD!



IT WAS
TO DO
THIS THAT
I BEGGED
AID OF
CLAN LI.

THEN I COULD
NEGOTIATE
TO PRESERVE
THE LIVES
AND SAFETY
OF THOSE
FEW OF MY
COMRADES
WHO YET
LIVE.



.....

THE
REST IS,
AS YOU
SAY IT,
HISTORY.

THE FORCES
LI SENT DID
NOT OBBY
MY ORDERS.
THEY BEGAN
ACTING
INDEPENDENTLY,
EXPANDING
THE LINES OF
COMBAT AND
ENGAGING YOU
WITHOUT MY
CONSENT...

HOWEVER,
THE SITUATION
QUICKLY
VEERED FROM
ITS INTENDED
COURSE AND
FELL INTO
CONFUSION.



ARE YOU
EXPECTING
OUR
SYMPATHY
?

SO, YOU PUT CLAN LI
AND US EACH ON A
SIDE OF A BALANCE,
AND DESPERATELY
HOPED TO KEEP US
EVEN WHILE YOU
SCURRIED AROUND
UNDERNEATH...
BUT THAT FAILED.



OH,
COME.
IT MUST
BE OBVIOUS.
HE
WANTS TO PIN
YOU
HERE.

LI IS
DELIBERATELY
EXACERBAT-
ING THIS
CONFLICT.
DO YOU THINK
HE DOES
THIS FOR NO
REASON?

YOU HAVE
NO ROOM
TO LAUGH
AT OUR
FOOLISH-
NESS.

TO WHAT
PURPOSE IS
YET UNCLEAR,
BUT HE
DEFINITEY
INTENDS TO
KEEP BEOWULF
AS FAR AWAY
FROM JAPAN
AS HE CAN.

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
?



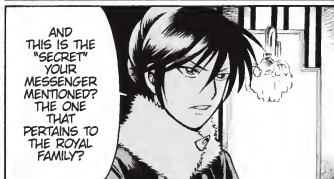
OF COURSE NOT.

THAT WAS SIMPLE PLEASANTRIES. I WOULD NEVER DREAM OF SUMMONING THE QUEEN'S OWN BLADES TO MEET WITH ME OVER WHAT IS LITTLE MORE THAN TEA-TIME CONVERSATION.



NEGOTIATIONS WITH YOU.

WHEN I UNDERSTOOD THIS, I IMMEDIATELY CUT ALL TIES WITH LI AND RETURNED TO MY ORIGINAL PLAN.



AND THIS IS THE "SECRET" YOUR MESSENGER MENTIONED? THE ONE THAT PERTAINS TO THE ROYAL FAMILY?



I THINK YOU WILL FIND IT MOST INTERESTING.

I HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH...





IT
HAPPENED
WHEN HER
MEAL WAS
BEING
PREPARED,
YOUR
MAJESTY.

WE TOOK
OUR EYES
OFF OF
HER FOR
ONLY A
FEW
SECONDS,
BUT--

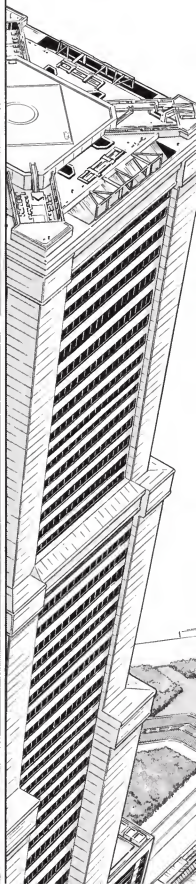
WHAT?!!
EXPLAIN!
NOW!!



DOCTOR!

THE
FOOL!

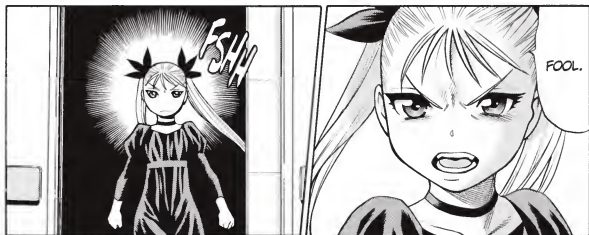
AND YOU
SAY THAT'S
WHEN SHE
TRIED TO
ESCAPE?
IN HER
CONDI-
TION?!

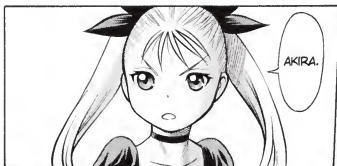


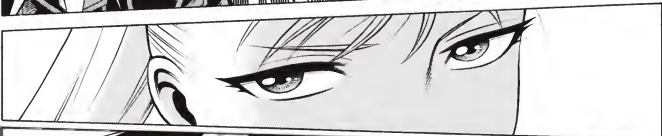
THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SHOCK OF THE BLOW DAMAGED THE PORTION OF HER BRAIN THAT IS STILL BEING REPAIRED BY THE PIED PIPER VIRUS.

WHEN ATTEMPTING TO GET UP FROM HER WHEELCHAIR, I SUSPECT SHE LOST HER BALANCE...

FALLING, SHE STRUCK HER HEAD WITH SOME FAIR AMOUNT OF FORCE. SHE IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS.









I
HAVEN'T
MUCH
CHOICE.

YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY,
IS
THIS
WISE?



KEEPING
HIM AT A
MAINTAIN-
ABLE
DISTANCE
IS A
DELICATE,
FUSSY,
AFFAIR.

ANY MORE
DELAY ON
MY PART
WILL ONLY
PLANT
UNNECESSARY
SEEDS OF
DOUBT IN
HIS MIND.



ALL
RIGHT...
I WILL
ALLOW
YOU
TO SEE
HER.

I WILL
HAVE YOU
INFORMED
WHEN SHE
WAKES.
COME
BACK
THEN.



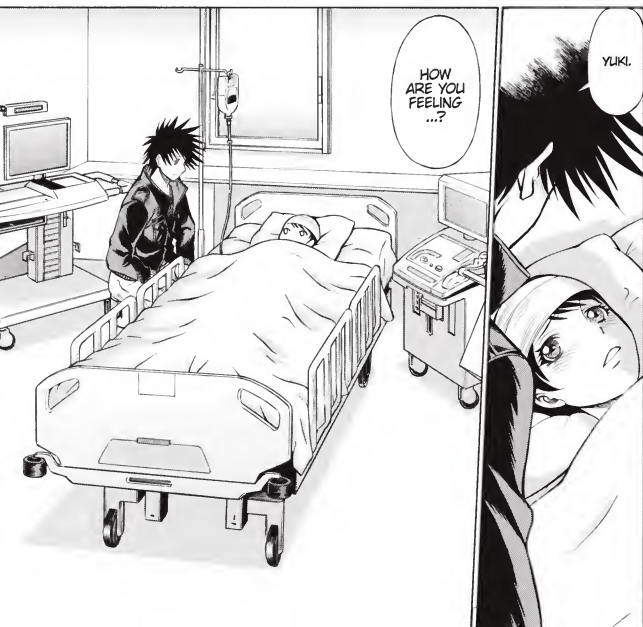
STILL
...

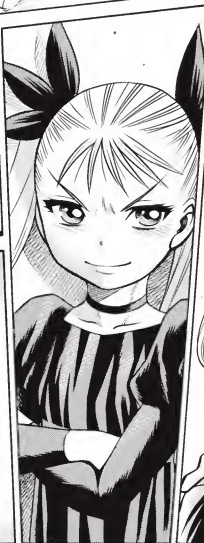
I VERY
MUCH
DOUBT
YUKI WILL
BE ABLE
TO TELL
AKIRA
ANYTHING
AT ALL.



BUT
PRECAUTIONS
WILL BE
TAKEN. SET
MONITORS IN
HER ROOM.
I WANT
VISIBILITY
FROM ALL
ANGLES.
ALL
ANGLES.

I WANT
EVERY WORD,
EVERY
GESTURE,
EVERY LITTLE
TWITCH
EITHER OF
THEM MAKE TO
BE SEEN AND
RECORDED,
UNDERSTAND?







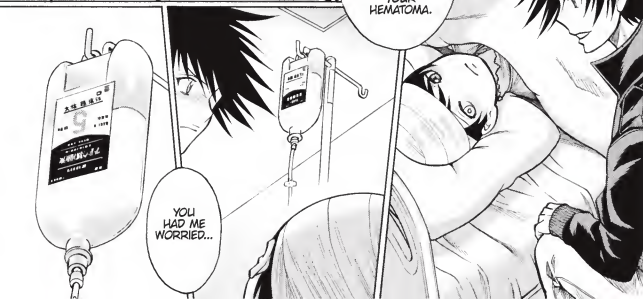
OH
YEAH!

LIM...



YOU GOT
REAL LUCKY,
Y'KNOW?
THERE
WASN'T ANY
FURTHER
DAMAGE TO
YOUR
HEMATOMA.

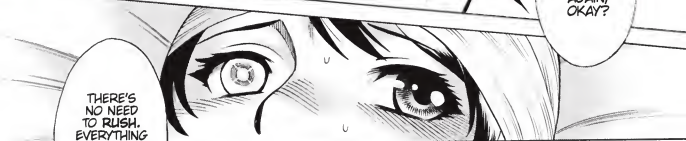
THE DOC
SAID YOU
JUST
CONCUSSED
YOURSELF
A LITTLE.



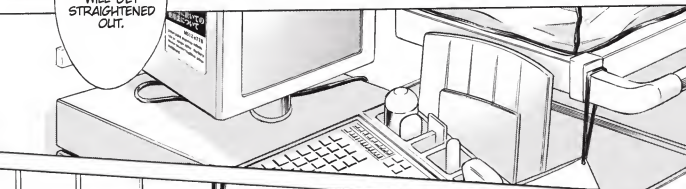
YOU
HAD ME
WORRIED...



DON'T
PUSH
YOURSELF
LIKE THAT
AGAIN,
OKAY?



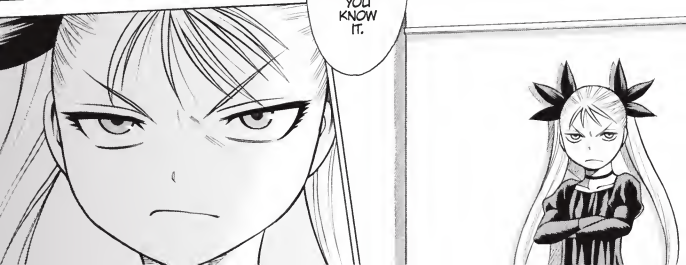
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO RUSH.
EVERYTHING
WILL GET
STRAIGHTENED
OUT.



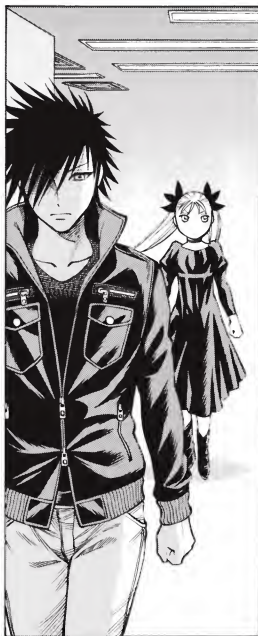
IT
WON'T
BE
LONG
NOW.

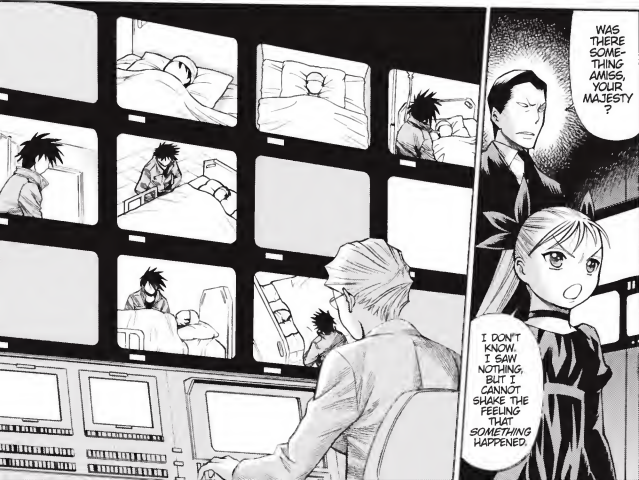
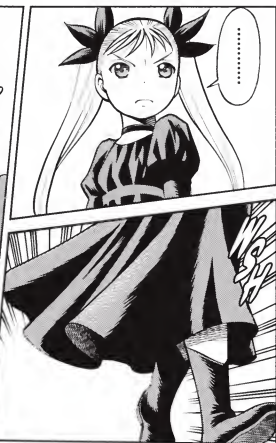


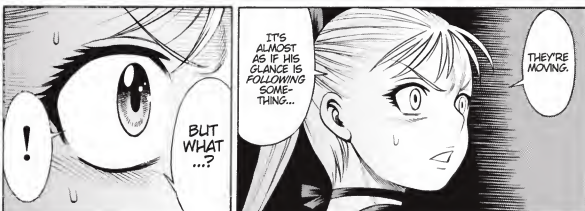
YOU'LL
BE FREE
AGAIN
BEFORE
YOU
KNOW
IT.

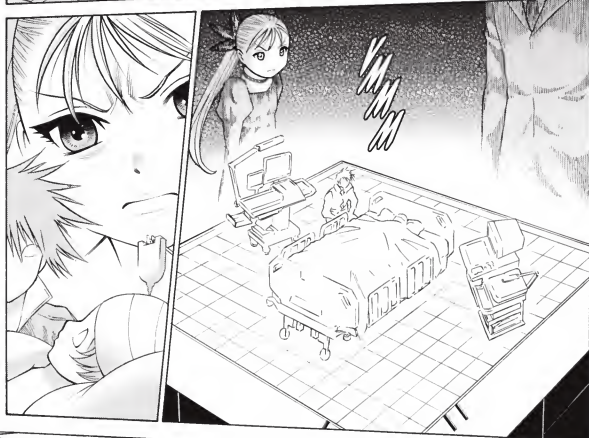
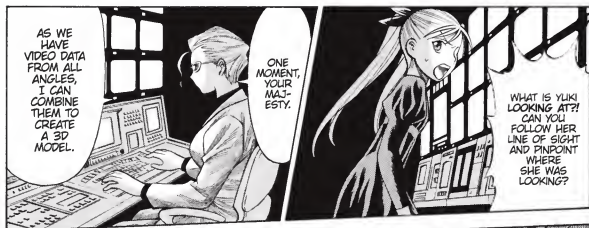


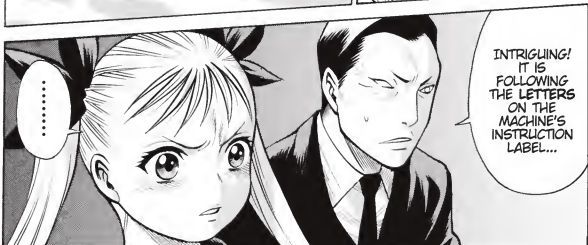
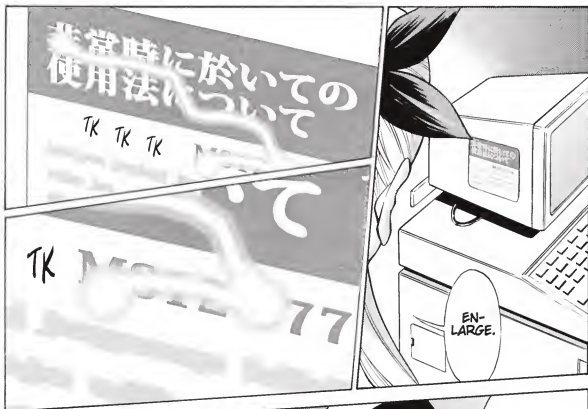


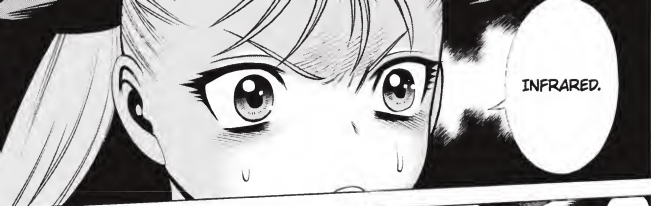












INFRARED.



AKIRA
KNOWS
THIS...

AND
WEREWOLVES
ARE
CAPABLE
OF SEEING
INTO THE
INFRARED
SPECTRUM!!

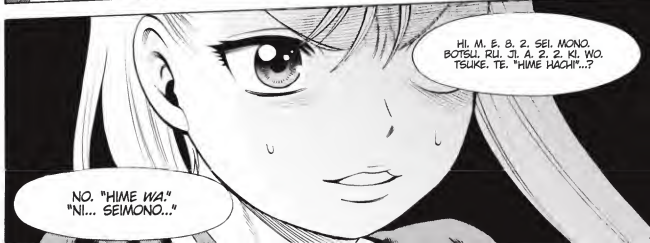
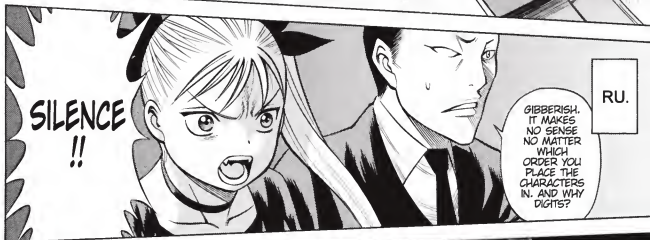
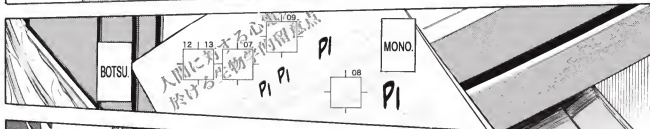
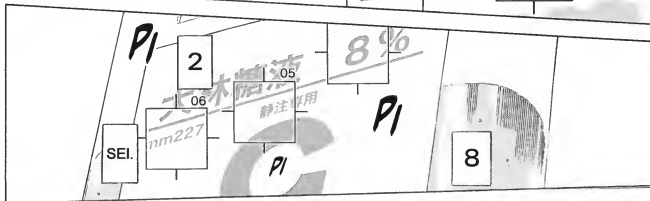
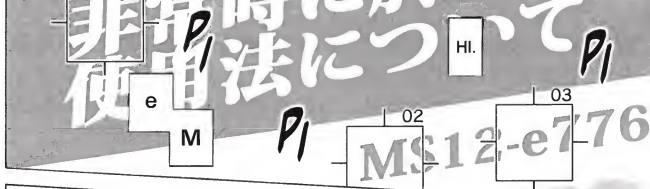


YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY?

THE PIED PIPER
NANOMACHINES
INJECTED INTO
YUKI'S BRAIN WERE
PROGRAMMED TO
EMIT A BEAM OF
INFRARED LIGHT
FROM HER RIGHT
EYE AT HER WILL,
SO SHE COULD
MANIPULATE A
COMPUTER TO
COMMUNICATE!



SHOW ME
EVERY
LETTER
AND WORD
YUKI'S EYES
PINPOINTED,
IN
ORDER!

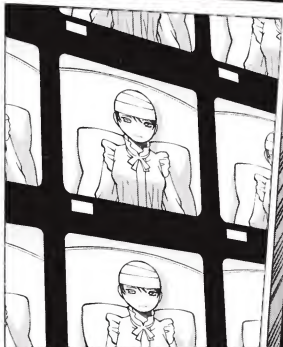




HIME IS
A FAKE.
BEWARE
BORGIANI.

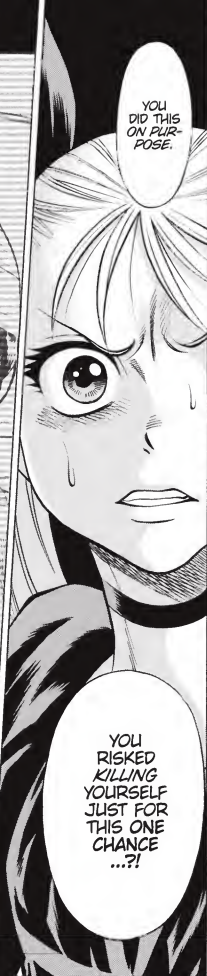
NOW!!

**FIND
KABU-
RAGI
AKIRA
!!**





YOU
DID THIS
ON PURPOSE.



YOU
RISKED
KILLING
YOURSELF
JUST FOR
THIS ONE
CHANCE
...?!



WAIT.



DON'T
TELL
ME...



KATSURAGI
AKIRA IS
GONE!
WE...
WE CAN'T
FIND
HIM!!

YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY!

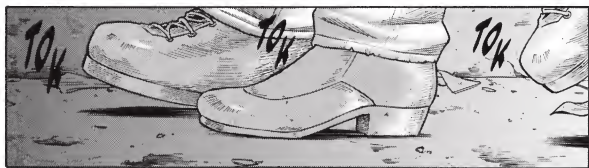
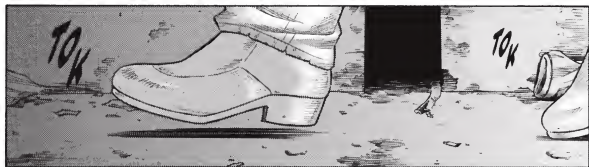
HE'S
NOT
ANY-
WHERE
!!

**I HEREBY
ORDER
EVERY
VAMPIRE
ON THIS
ISLAND TO
FIND
HIM!!**

**BROAD-
CAST A
MESSAGE
TO THE
ENTIRE
BLIND!**

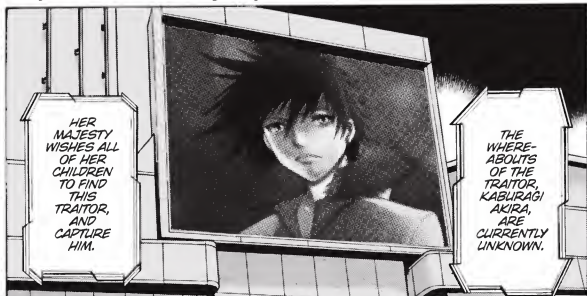




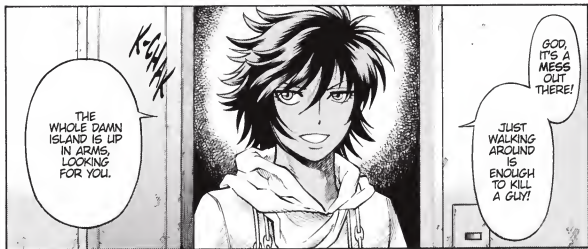




Chapter 63: Runaway Squad







THE
WHOLE DAMN
ISLAND IS LIP
IN ARMS,
LOOKING
FOR YOU.

K-CHAK

GOD,
IT'S A
MESS
OUT
THERE!

JUST
WALKING
AROUND
IS
ENOUGH
TO KILL
A GUY!



HEY!

TELL ME ABOUT IT.
YOU TOLD ME
EVERYTHING THAT
HAPPENED,
AND I'M STILL
FEELING A LITTLE...
I DUNNO...
RESISTANT
TO IT ALL.

ORDERS
FROM
SOMEONE
AS HIGH
UP AS
PRINCESS
MINA
WOULD GET
ANYONE
TO JUMP.

WELL,
YEAH.
THEY
DON'T
KNOW
YET THAT
SHE'S A
FAKE.



SERIOUSLY,
SOMETIMES
IT SUCKS
TO BE A
VAMPIRE...



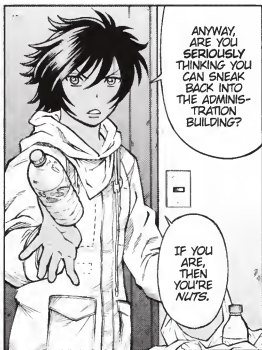


CATCH
HER
ALONE?
THEN
WHAT'RE
YOU
GOING
TO DO?



NUTS
OR
NOT,
I'M
GOING!

THERE
ARE LOTS
OF GOOD
PLACES
IN THERE
FOR ME TO
HIDE AND
WAIT TO
CATCH HER
ALONE.



ANYWAY,
ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
THINKING YOU
CAN SNEAK
BACK INTO
THE ADMINIS-
TRATION
BUILDING?

IF YOU
ARE,
THEN
YOU'RE
NUTS.



AND
ONCE
SHE'S
DONE
TALKING
...

I'LL
KILL
HER
!!



FIND
OUT
WHERE
SHE'S
HIDDEN
THE
REAL
HIME-
SAN!

SHE'S
THE ONE
WHO
DID ALL
THIS!
SHE
MUST
KNOW!



SEEING
THAT,
I CAN'T
RUN
ANY-
MORE.

I CAN'T LET
MYSELF BE
A COWARD
WHEN
SOMEONE
FAR WORSE
OFF THAN
ME HAS THE
COURAGE
TO STAND
AND FIGHT!!



SHE
CAN'T
EVEN
STAND...
HELL,
SHE
CAN'T
EVEN
TALK...

BUT SHE
WAS STILL
FIGHTING!
I CAN'T
EVEN BEGIN
TO IMAGINE
HOW
TERRIFYING
THIS ALL
HAD TO
BE FOR
HER...



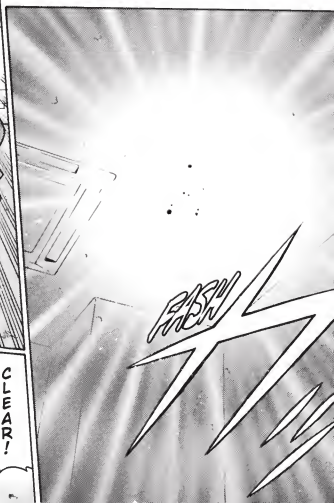
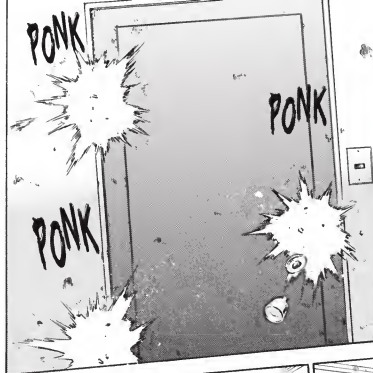
BUT
WHILE
I WAS
RUNNING,
YUKI
WAS
FIGHTING!

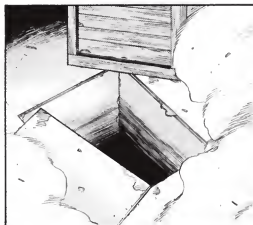
I KNEW
THERE
WAS
SOMETHING
WEIRD
GOING ON.
THINGS
HAVE FELT
OFF THIS
WHOLE
TIME...

I
KNEW
SOME-
THING
WAS
WRONG
!!

BUT I
COULDN'T
MAKE THE
DECISION...
HELL, I RAN
FROM IT.
PUT MY
FINGERS IN
MY EARS
AND
PRETENDED
EVERYTHING
WAS OKAY.







HEY!
LOOK
OVER
HERE
!!

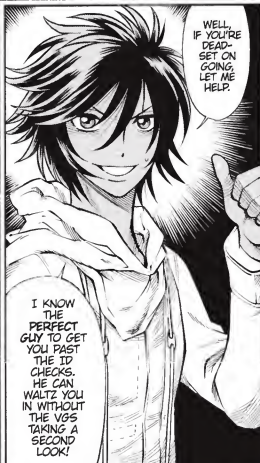
TAR-
GET
LOST
!!



AT THIS
RATE,
GETTING
BACK INTO
THE ADMIN
OFFICES IS
GOING TO
BE A TRICK
AND A
HALF...



?



WELL,
IF YOU'RE
DEAD-
SET ON
GOING,
LET ME
HELP.

I KNOW
THE
PERFECT
GUY TO GET
YOU PAST
THE ID
CHECKS.
HE CAN
WALTZ YOU
IN WITHOUT
THE VGS
TAKING A
SECOND
LOOK!



YOU'VE
GOT
THAT
RIGHT!

DAMMIT!
THEY
FOUND US
WAY
FASTER
THAN I
EXPECTED.



WATCH WITH ME
AS WE FIND
OUT IF THAT
BOY IS
WORTHY OF
YOUR TRUST...

WATCH,
LITTLE
HUMAN
GIRL.



OR
NOT.

.....



THERE IS
NO NEED
TO BE
GENTLE
ABOUT
ANY
OF IT.

CHASE
HIM
DOWN.
CORNER
HIM...

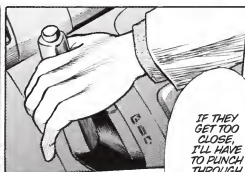






CAN
YOU
HEAR
ME?

P.S.S...
HEY, WOLF-
BOY...



IF THEY
GET TOO
CLOSE,
I'LL HAVE
TO PUNCH
THROUGH
HERE BY
FORCE.



GET
READY...



THINGS
ARE
STARTING
TO LOOK
A LITTLE
BAD.







WHO KNOWS?
THE ONLY
THING THAT'S
CERTAIN IS
THAT IT'S
THOROUGHLY
Distracting
THE VGS.

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
SNEAK IN,
NOW'S
YOUR
CHANCE.



THANKS,
DOCTOR
SAJI.

I CAN'T
TELL
YOU HOW
MUCH I
APPRECIATE
YOU DOING
THIS FOR
ME.



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT, KID.
I WAS FEELING
SOME NIGGLING
LINEASE
OVER HER
MAJESTY'S...
UNUSUAL
BEHAVIOR
OF LATE
AS WELL.

ONCE
I HEARD
YOUR
STORY,
IT ALL
MADE
SENSE.

BUT
WHO'S
ATTACKING
HIS
THIS
TIME?



I KNOW
I'VE HEARD
THESE
SIRENS
SOMEWHERE
BEFORE,
BUT
WHERE...?



THIS ONE IS
THE SIGNAL
FOR AN
ENEMY
INVASION.

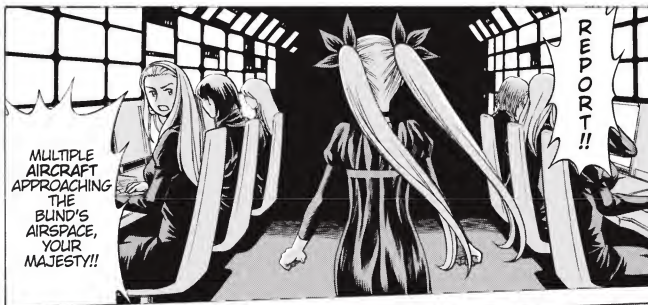
THE LAST
TIME THEY
WENT OFF
WAS WHEN
IVANOVIC
LAUNCHED
HIS
ATTACK...



I
WILL,
SIR!!

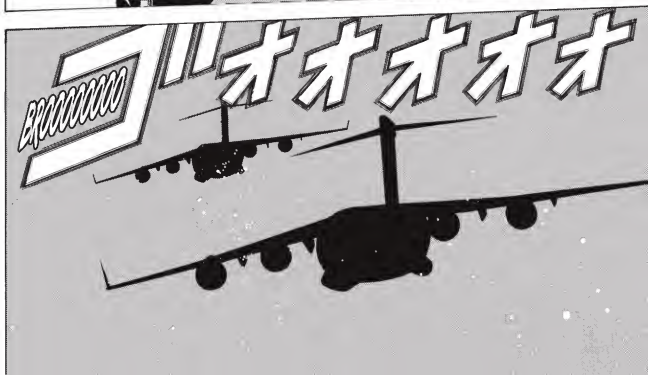
GO
FIND THE
REAL
PRINCESS,
OKAY?

BRING
HER
BACK
TO US!



MULTIPLE
AIRCRAFT
APPROACHING
THE
BUND'S
AIRSPACE,
YOUR
MAJESTY!!

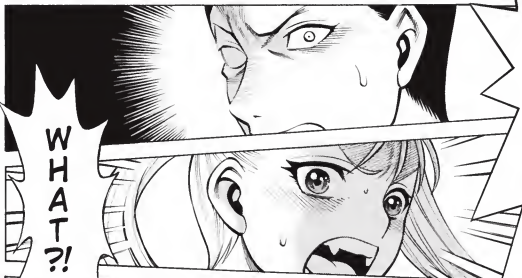
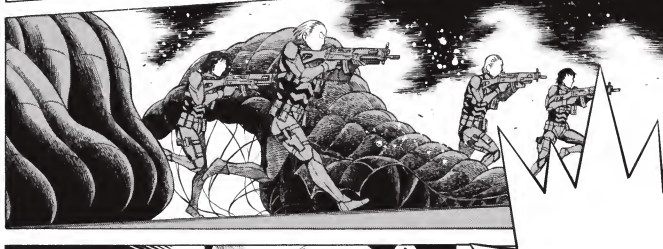
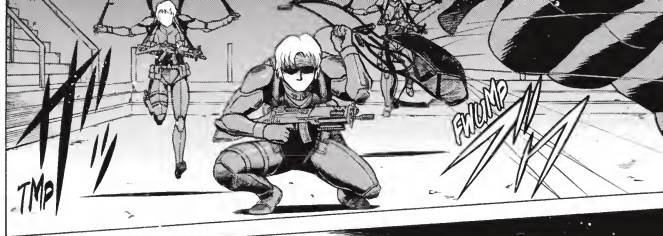
REPORT!!



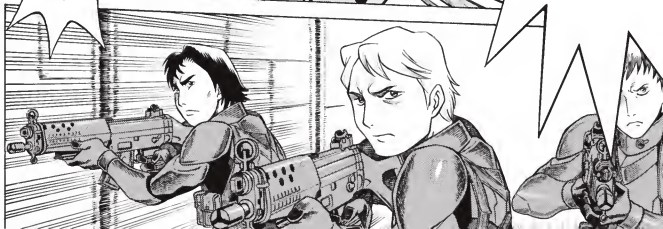
NO...
YOUR
MAJESTY
...

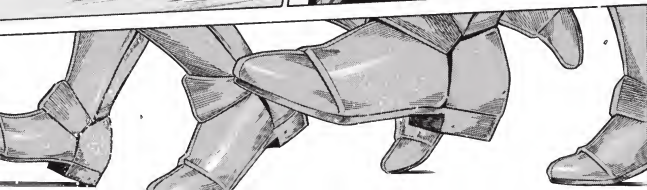
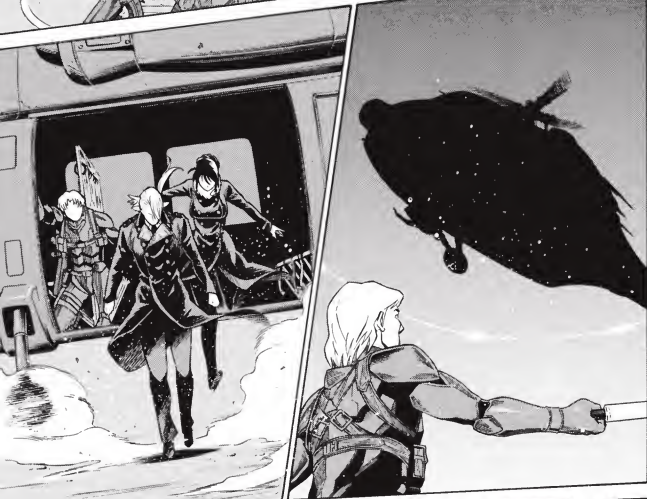
WHOSE
AIRCRAFT?!
LI?!
ROZEN-
MANN?!

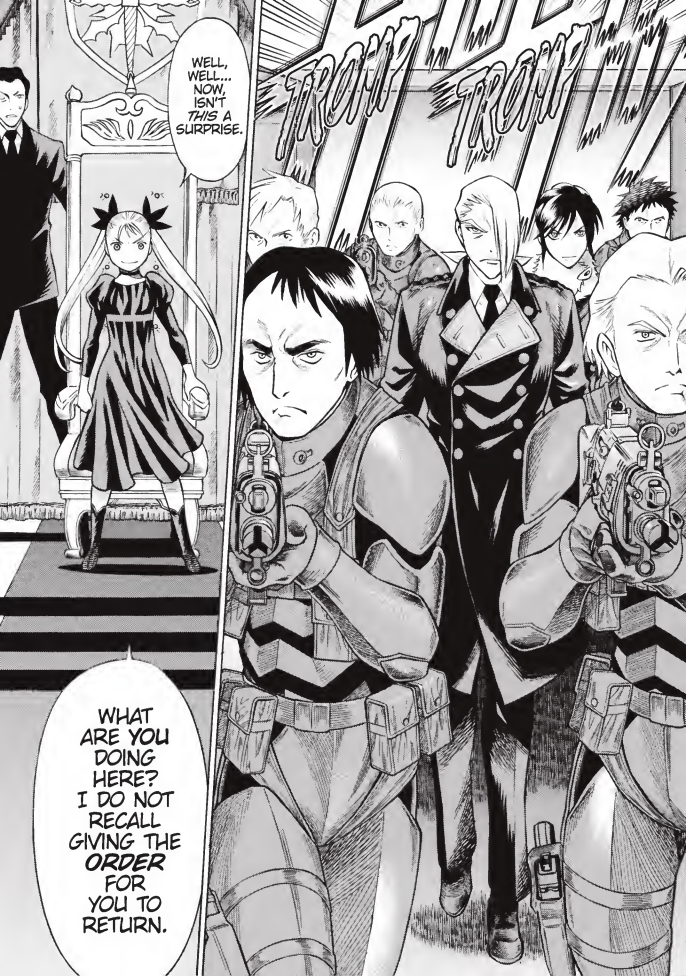




IT'S
BEO-
WULF!

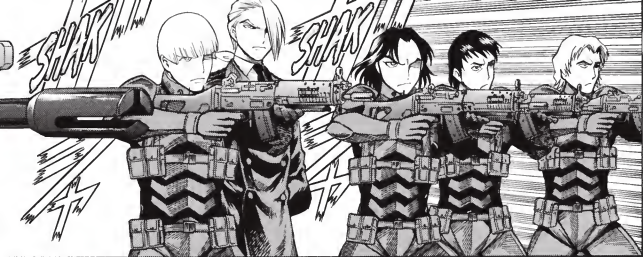






WELL,
WELL...
NOW,
ISN'T
THIS A
SURPRISE.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?
I DO NOT
RECALL
GIVING THE
ORDER
FOR
YOU TO
RETURN.



SILENCE!!

**DO NOT
SPEAK TO
ME WITH
HIME-SAMA'S
VOICE, YOU
WRETCHED
IMPOSTER!!**



**WHAT'S
WRONG,
VERA?
THIS
ISN'T LIKE
YOU.**



**STEP
AWAY
FROM
THE
THRONE.
NOW!**

TMP



THAT
ENVELOPE
CONTAINS A
PHOTOGRAPH
TAKEN BY ONE
OF IVANOVIC'S
AGENTS
INSERTED INTO
ROZENMANN'S
COURT.

IT WAS
TAKEN SIX
MONTHS
AGO, IN
WASHINGTON,
D.C.



AND YOU
SAY THAT
IMPOSTER
IS ME?



THIS
EXPLAINS
EVERY-
THING!

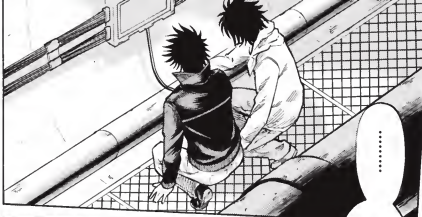
WHY ELSE
YOU WOULD
SIMPLY SIT
HERE AND
WATCH
AS ROGUE
VAMPIRES
COMMIT
ATROCITIES
IN THE
HUMAN
CITY?!

WHY
WOULD YOU
SEND
WOLFGANG-
SAMA AND
MYSELF--
HIME-SAMA'S
CLOSEST
GUARDS!--
OFF INTO THE
HINTERLANDS
OF RUSSIA?!



SIX
MONTHS
AGO, HER
MAJESTY
WAS IN
A COMA,
FIGHTING OFF
THE POISON
OF THE
PIED PIPER!

THAT
MEANS THE
"PRINCESS"
SHOWN
IN THIS
PHOTOGRAPH
IS NOT
THE TRUE
PRINCESS!!



.....
OH SHIT...
THINGS
JUST
GOT
REALLY
BAD
DOWN
THERE.

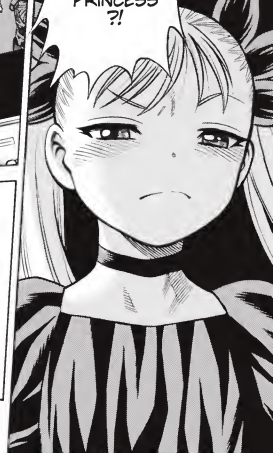


VERA,
PUT
AWAY
YOUR
BLADES.



.....
BECAUSE
YOU
AREN'T
HER
MAJESTY
!!

WHERE
HAVE YOU
HIDDEN
HER?!
WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE
WITH OUR
TRUE
PRINCESS
?!



DID YOU NOT
HEAR A
WORD
I JUST
SAID?!

THIS IS
NOT HER
MAJESTY!
SHE IS AN
IMPOSTER
!!

DUKE
BOR-
GANI!

YOU
INSULT
OUR
QUEEN.

SHE IS,
WITHOUT
A DOUBT,
THE
PRINCESS
MINA.

NO.

AL-
PHONSE-
SAMA!!

EVERY-
THING.
FROM
THE
VERY
BEGIN-
NING.

YOU
KNEW,
DIDN'T
YOU,
DUKE
BORGIANI
?

!

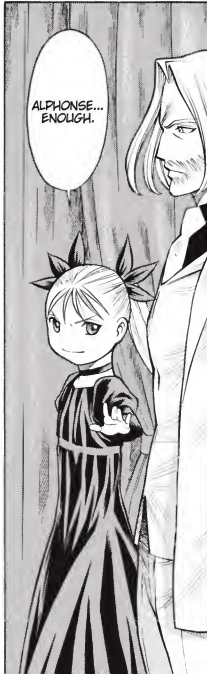


DO YOU
NOW
DEFILE
THEIR
GOOD
NAME WITH
THIS BASE
TREACHERY
?!

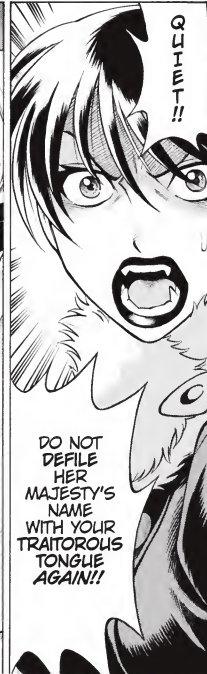
DUKE
BORGIANI,
YOUR
FATHER
AND HIS
FATHER
BEFORE HIM
SERVED
HOUSE
TEPES
FAITHFULLY
AND DIED
GLORIOUSLY
IN SERVICE
TO HER
MAJESTY
...



WHAT
...?



ALPHONSE...
ENOUGH.



QUIET!!

DO NOT
DEFILE
HER
MAJESTY'S
NAME
WITH YOUR
TRAITOROUS
TONGUE
AGAIN!!



MY
LOYALTY
HAS NOT
WAVERED
SO MUCH
AS AN
INCH.

I ALWAYS
HAVE, AND I
ALWAYS WILL,
GIVE MY ALL
IN FAITHFUL
SERVICE
TO HOUSE
TEPES...
AND TO ITS
PRINCESS
MINA.



AS YOUR
MASTER,
I
ORDER
YOU...

YOU.
WILL.
SERVE.
ME.

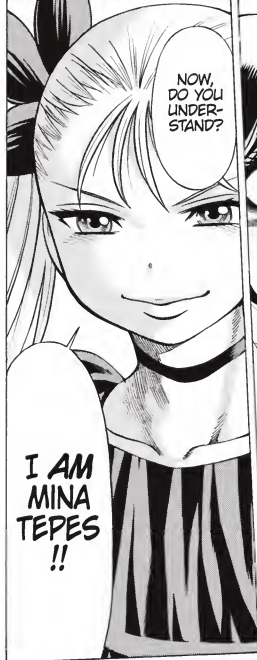


V
E
R
A
!!



VERA.

SERVE
ME.



NOW,
DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND?

I AM
MINA
TEPES
!!



IT... IT
CANNOT
BE...

IT
CAN'T....!
IT'S...
IMPOSSIBLE
!!



WHA
...?

SUMP



THE STORY
GOES ON
THAT
TWENTY
YEARS
LATER,
WE WERE
REUNITED...

BUT THAT
STORY IS
FALSE!
I WAS STILL
A PRISONER
OF ROZEN-
MANN.

ONE OF
ROZENMANN'S
INSIDIOUS
PLANS WORKED,
SEPARATING ME
FROM YOUR
PROTECTION
AND LEAVING
ME TO WANDER,
HELPLESS
AND ALONE,
IN THE WORLD
OF MEN.

YOU
MUST
REMEMBER
THE
EVENTS
OF TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS
AGO!



THE "MINA"
YOU WERE
REUNITED
WITH WAS
A DOPPEL-
GANGER...

A FAKE
WHO
TOOK
EVERY-
THING
THAT WAS
MEANT
TO BE
MINE!!



IT IS A
SMALL
WONDER
THAT YOU
WERE
DECEIVED.

AFTER ALL,
MY DOPPEL-
GANGER
HONESTLY
BELIEVES
THAT SHE IS
THE TRUE
"MINA TEPEES."



WHAT
...?

BUT
...



IT
CAN'T
...!

THAT...
THAT
CAN'T
BE
RIGHT...



ALL I HAVE
DONE IS
TAKE BACK
WHAT THAT
PRETENDER HAD
USURPED--
THE LEADERSHIP
OF HOUSE
TEPEES AND
RULE OVER
THE ENTIRE
VAMPIRE NATION!

AS
IS MY
RIGHT
!!



BUT WHILE
SHE WAS
SO HAPPILY
CODDLED
BY ALL
OF YOU,
I WAS
STILL A
PRISONER!

AND YOU
COULD
NEVER
KNOW
THE PAIN
AND
HUMILIA-
TION I
SUFFERED
DURING
THAT
CAPTIVITY!
NEVER!!

BUT ACCEPT
THAT THE
"MINA" MY
MOTHER
BIRTHED,
THE "MINA"
YOU HAVE
CHERISHED
SO LONG...
IS ME.

ACCEPT
THAT,
AND
TRUST
ME.

VERA...
I WILL NOT
ASK YOU TO
SWALLOW
THIS WHOLE.
NOT ALL
AT ONCE.

YES,
ALPHONSE
KNEW
ALL
THIS.

AND WITH HIS
TRUE MASTER
RETURNED,
HE HAS GIVEN
HIS SUPPORT
TO ME,
PROVING
HIMSELF MY
LOYAL
RETAINER!

AKIRA
...

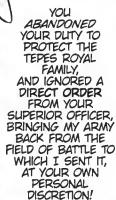
NO
...

NOOOO!!!

.....



NOT
ONLY THAT,
YOU FORCED
YOUR WAY INTO
MY PRESENCE
UNANNOUNCED,
AND EVEN
DARED
TO POINT
WEAPONS
AT ME, YOUR
RIGHTFUL
MASTER!!



YOU
ABANDONED
YOUR DUTY TO
PROTECT THE
TEPES ROYAL
FAMILY,
AND IGNORED A
DIRECT ORDER
FROM YOUR
SUPERIOR OFFICER,
BRINGING MY ARMY
BACK FROM THE
FIELD OF BATTLE TO
WHICH I SENT IT,
AT YOUR OWN
PERSONAL
DISCRETION!

NOW...

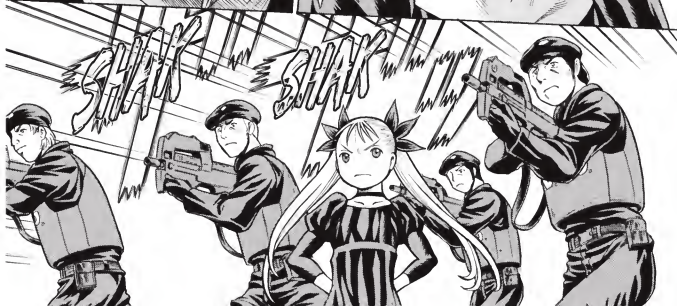
AS FOR
YOU,
WOLF-
GANG...



DO YOU
HAVE
ANYTHING
TO SAY
IN YOUR
DEFENSE
?!



THIS IS
REBEL-
LION!





HENCEFORTH,
I CEDE ANY
AND ALL
COMMAND OF
BEOWULF TO
THE EARTH
CLAN
SENATE.

ALL
BEOWULF
DIVISIONS
ARE TO
DISARM
AND STAND
DOWN.



I WILL
NOT
HAVE THIS
PLACE
BECOME A
BATTLE-
FIELD...

HER
MAJESTY
DOES NOT
WISH HER
SUBJECTS
TO SHED
BLOOD
AMONGST
THEM-
SELVES.



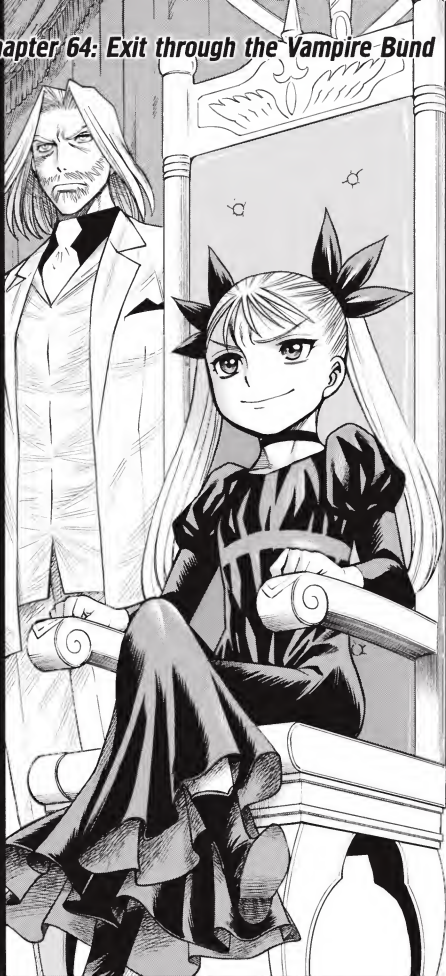
WOLF-
GANG-
SAMA!

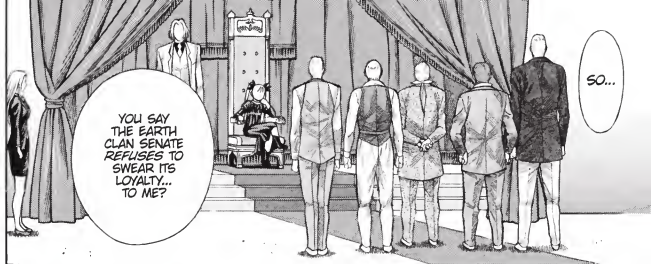
THAT
IS MY
FINAL
ORDER!

BUT,
SIR
....!



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AND TO
TOP IT OFF,
HOUSE
TEPES
OFFERED
US THE
BEST
BOSS.

IF YOU
GOTTA GO
OUT AND
FIGHT TO
PROTECT
SOMEBODY,
WHY NOT
MAKE IT A
LOVELY
PRINCESS,
EH?



YES,
WE DID
SERVE
THE
ROYAL
FAMILY...

BUT THAT
WAS BECAUSE
THE ROYAL FAMILY
PRESENTED THE
BEST TERMS OF
EMPLOYMENT.
IS NOT ONE OF
THE MAIN BENEFITS
OF DEMOCRACY
THE FREEDOM TO
PURSUE THE JOB
AND ENVIRONMENT
OF ONE'S OWN
CHOICE?



WE ARE
WOLVES,
MISS.

DO NOT
CONFUSE
US WITH
MINDLESS
DOGS WHO
HAVEN'T
THE WIT TO
CHOOSE
THEIR OWN
MASTER.



I HEREBY
NULLIFY THE
CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE
EARTH CLAN
SENATE AND
HOUSE
TEPES.

BEOWULF
IS
RELIEVED
OF ITS
DUTY
AS MY
ROYAL
GUARD.

VERY
WELL,
THEN.

YOU WERE
THE ONES TO
WHOM THE
COMMAND OF
BEOWULF
WAS CEDED,
AND YOU
HAVE MADE
YOUR POINT.



NO
EXCEPTIONS
WILL BE
PERMITTED.

YES, YOUR
MAJESTY.
ALL MEMBERS
OF BEOWULF
HAVE TWENTY-
FOUR HOURS
FROM THE
NULLIFICATION
OF THEIR
CONTRACT
TO LEAVE
JAPANESE
TERRITORY.



HOWEVER,
DO BE AWARE
THAT BEOWULF
WAS PERMITTED
TO EXIST ONLY
BECAUSE IT WAS
SO GRANTED
THE HONOR OF
PROTECTING
MINA TEPE.

IS THAT
NOT
CORRECT,
COUN-
CILOR
GOTOH?

WITHOUT
THAT DUTY,
THE PRESENCE OF
A HIGHLY-TRAINED,
ORGANIZED, AND
INDEPENDENT
MILITARY FORCE OF
THIS SCALE IS
ILLEGAL WITHIN THE
BUND, ACCORDING
TO OUR TREATY
WITH THE
JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT.



IF
ANY
WILL
HAVE
YOU,
THAT
IS.

SO THAT
IS THAT.
GO BACK
TO YOUR
WOODS AND
SNIFF OUT A
NEW
MASTER.



YOUR
MAJESTY,
BEOWULF
IS THIS
GENERA-
TION'S
MOST ELITE
FIGHTING
FORCE.

IT IS NO
UNDERSTATE-
MENT TO SAY
THAT THE
SAFETY OF THE
ROYAL FAMILY
WAS SECURED
PRECISELY AND
ONLY BECAUSE
IT COULD
COMMAND THAT
FORCE.



WHAT
IS IT,
ALPHONSE?

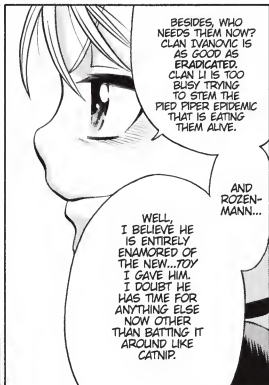


HMPH.
AS IF I AM
GOING TO
KEEP A PACK
OF DOGS
THAT ARE AS
LIKELY TO
BITE ME AS
ANYONE
ELSE.



SO,
WHAT
NEED
HAVE I
FOR A
GRAND
ARMY?

ALL THAT IS
NECESSARY
FOR ME TO
COMPLETE MY
GOAL NOW IS A
KINGDOM BUILT
UPON THE
PRINCIPLE OF
ABSOLUTE AND
UNQUESTIONING
LOYALTY.



BESIDES, WHO
NEEDS THEM NOW?
CLAN IVANOVIC IS
AS GOOD AS
ERADICATED.
CLAN LI IS TOO
BUSY TRYING
TO STEM THE
PIED PIPER EPIDEMIC
THAT IS EATING
THEM ALIVE.

AND
ROZEN-
MANN...

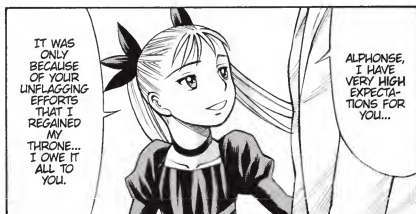
WELL,
I BELIEVE HE
IS ENTIRELY
ENAMORED OF
THE NEW...TOY
I GAVE HIM.
I DOUBT HE
HAS TIME FOR
ANYTHING ELSE
NOW OTHER
THAN BATTLING IT
AROUND LIKE
CATNIP.



THAT IS
ONLY WHAT
VAMPIRE
SOCIETY IS
TRULY
MEANT TO BE,
IS IT NOT?



IN OTHER
WORDS, A
GOVERNMENT
RULED BY
THE IRON
LAW OF THE
VAMPIRE'S
"BLOOD
PACT."



IT WAS
ONLY
BECAUSE OF
YOUR
UNFLAGGING
EFFORTS
THAT I
REGAINED
MY
THRONE...
I OWE IT
ALL TO
YOU.

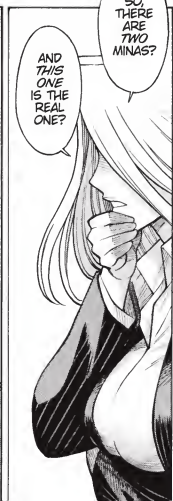
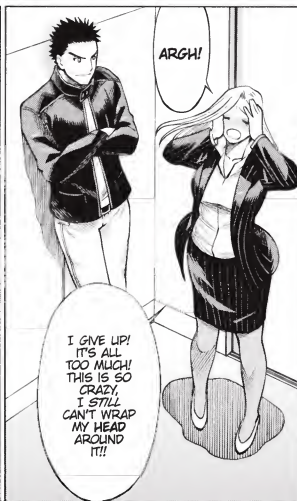
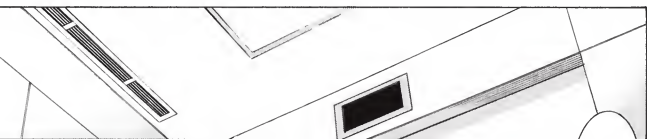
ALPHONSE,
I HAVE
VERY HIGH
EXPECTA-
TIONS FOR
YOU...

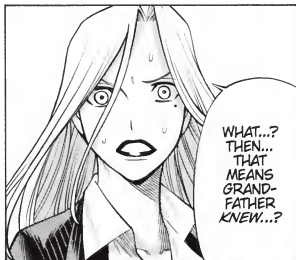


I STILL
REMEMBER
THOSE
PRECIOUS
WORDS YOU
GAVE TO ME
SO LONG AGO,
IN YOUR
YOUTH.

I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN,
YOU KNOW.

AN ENTIRE
POPULACE
INCAPABLE OF
BETRAYAL,
INCAPABLE
OF REBELLION,
AND LITTERLY
SUBSERVIENT
TO ME.



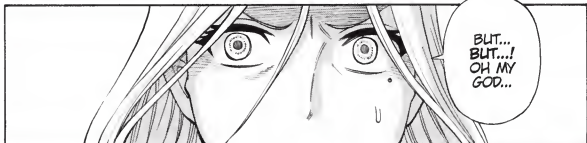


WHAT...?
THEN...
THAT
MEANS
GRAND-
FATHER
KNEW...?



IVANOVIC'S
INVASION OF
JAPANESE
WATERS
GETTING
HUSHED UP.
YOU GETTING
PLIT UNDER
WHAT AMOUNTS
TO HOUSE
ARREST
FOR TWELVE
HOURS.

THOSE TWO
THINGS HAD
TO HAPPEN
FOR THIS
SWAP TO GO
OFF AS
QUIETLY AS
IT DID.



BUT...
BUT...!
OH MY
GOD...



WHERE
IS HE?!
LET ME
TALK
TO HIM!

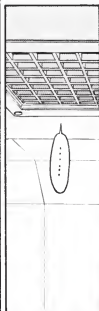
WHOA,
WHOA!
HOLD YOUR
HORSES.
IT'S NOT
THAT AKIRA.
I MEANT
THE VAMPIRE
ONE.

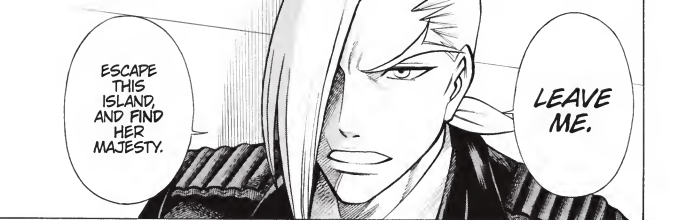


AH.
IT'S
FROM
AKIRA.









ESCAPE
THIS
ISLAND,
AND FIND
HER
MAJESTY.

LEAVE
ME.



HIME-
SAN...



IS SHE
REALLY
THE
TRUE
MINA
TEPES--

IS
WHAT
SHE
SAID
TRUE...?

DAD
...?

AKIRA!!





BUT,
HOW COULD
HE BE THERE,
SIR?
WE MADE
SURE TO
SEARCH THAT
PARTICULAR
DISTRICT
THOROUGHLY...



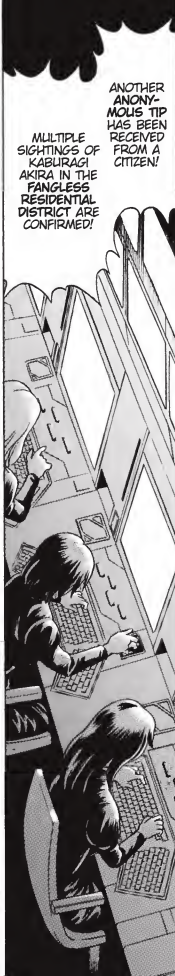
THE VAST
MAJORITY
OF THE
FANGLESS
ARE KNOWN
TO BE
SYMPATHETIC
TO AKIRA'S
FLIGHT.

FEW OF
THEM
WOULD
HESITATE
TO HELP
HIS
ESCAPE.



I
WISH
TO
SPEAK
WITH
HIM.

THE
FANGLESS
MUST
HAVE A
REPRE-
SENTA-
TIVE.



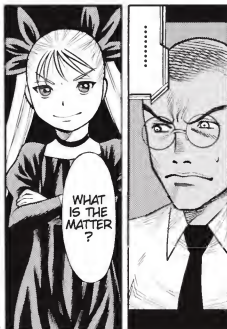
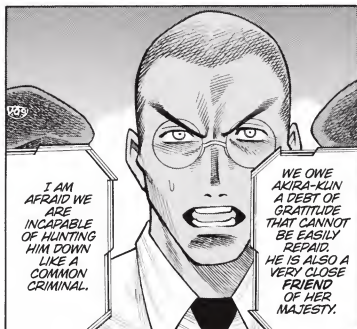
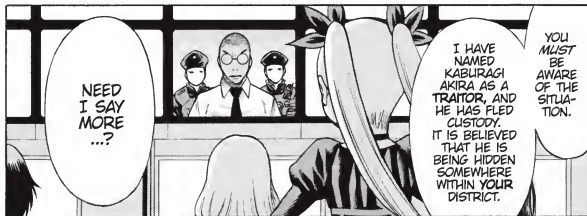
ANOTHER
ANY-
MOLIS
TIP
HAS BEEN
RECEIVED
FROM A
CITIZEN!

MULTIPLE
SIGHTINGS
OF
KABURAGI
AKIRA IN THE
FANGLESS
RESIDENTIAL
DISTRICT ARE
CONFIRMED!



FIGHT
...

MY
SON.





BUT
...

ONE
WORD!



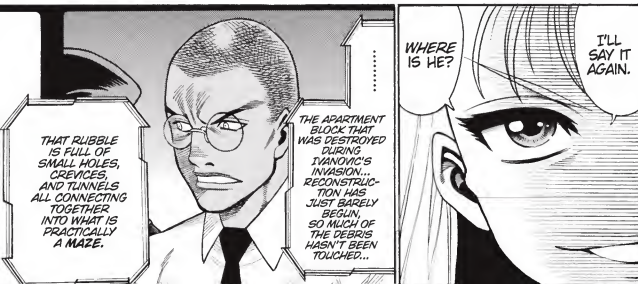
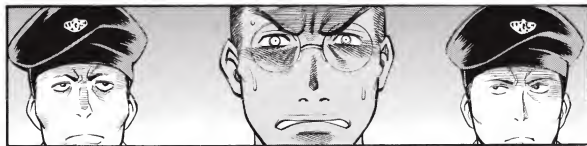
WELL
THEN,
I THINK
YOU MAY
NEED TO
RETHINK
WHERE
YOUR
LOYALTIES,
BY RIGHT,
SHOULD
LIE.

BY "HER
MAJESTY,"
I ASSUME
YOU MEAN THE
PRETENDER
WHO USURPED
MY THRONE
AND
UNLAWFULLY
DECLARED
HERSELF
QUEEN, DO
YOU NOT?



DON'T
BELIEVE ME?
I COULD MAKE
AN EXAMPLE
OF YOU,
YOU KNOW.
WOULD YOU
LIKE THAT?

ALL IT TAKES
IS ONE WORD
FROM ME.
ONE ORDER,
AND YOU WILL
DO ANYTHING
I TELL YOU TO,
WHETHER YOU
LIKE IT OR NOT.



THAT RUBBLE
IS FULL OF
SMALL HOLES,
CREVICES,
AND TUNNELS
ALL CONNECTING
TOGETHER
INTO WHAT IS
PRACTICALLY
A MAZE.

THE APARTMENT
BLOCK THAT
WAS DESTROYED
DURING
IVANOVIC'S
INVASION...
RECONSTRUC-
TION HAS
JUST BARELY
BEGIN,
SO MUCH OF
THE DEBRIS
HASN'T BEEN
TOUCHED...

WHERE
IS HE?

I'LL
SAY IT
AGAIN.



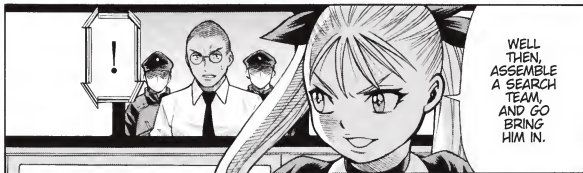
AHA.
I SEE.

NO
WONDER A
NORMAL SEARCH
OF THE AREA
DID NOT
FIND HIM.



IF HE'S
HIDING
ANYWHERE,
IT'S
PROBABLY
THERE...

THE
CHILDREN
TOOK TO THE
PLACE VERY
QUICKLY,
DUBBING IT
THEIR
"SECRET
HIDEOUT."
HARDLY A DAY
GOES BY
WITHOUT
THEM GOING
TO PLAY
THERE...

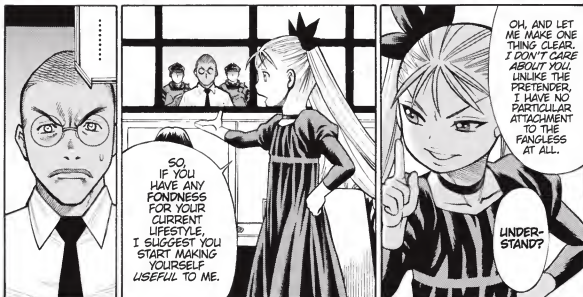


WELL
THEN,
ASSEMBLE
A SEARCH
TEAM,
AND GO
BRING
HIM IN.



I DOUBT
YOU WILL
HAVE ANY
TROUBLE
APPRE-
HENDING
HIM AT
ALL.

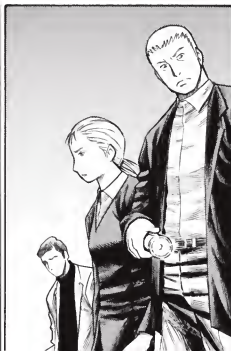
THIS IS
AKIRA,
AFTER ALL.
HE WON'T
BE ABLE TO
FIGHT BACK
AGAINST
YOU.



SO,
IF YOU
HAVE ANY
FONDNESS
FOR YOUR
CURRENT
LIFESTYLE,
I SUGGEST
YOU
START MAKING
YOURSELF
USEFUL TO ME.

OH, AND LET
ME MAKE ONE
THING CLEAR.
I DON'T CARE
ABOUT YOU.
UNLIKE THE
PRETENDER,
I HAVE NO
PARTICULAR
ATTACHMENT
TO THE
FANGLISS
AT ALL.

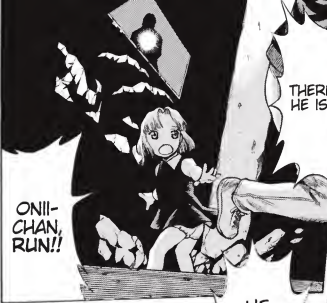
UNDER-
STAND?



ALL CITIZENS
OF THE BUND!
YOU ARE HEREBY
ORDERED
TO FIND AND
CAPTURE AKIRA!!



THIS IS
A DIRECT
ORDER
FROM
THE
QUEEN,
MINA
TEPES
HERSELF!!



ONII-
CHAN,
RUN!!

THERE
HE IS!

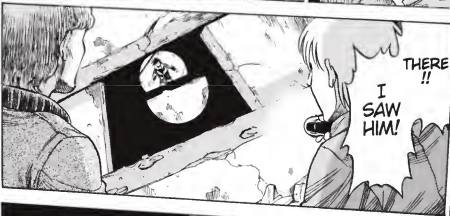


HE
RAN
TO
THE
WEST!



THERE
!!
I
SAW
HIM!

WATCH
OUT,
HE'S
COMING
THIS
WAY!

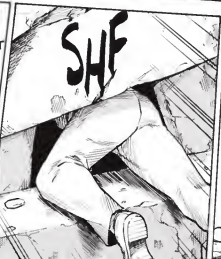


DAMMIT
!



DOESN'T
THIS
TUNNEL
CONNECT
UP TO
THAT
ONE?!

SHF



WE'LL
GO IN
HERE,
AND CLIMB
HIM
OFF!





DEPLOY
VGS
SOLDIERS
INTO THE
SEWER
SYSTEM,
IMMEDI-
ATELY!

CUT
OFF HIS
ESCAPE
ROUTE
!!



TH-
THERE'S
A RAIN-
WATER
DRAIN
UNDER-
NEATH...

IT GOES
ALL
THROUGH
THE RUBBLE
AND
CONNECTS
UP WITH
THE MAIN
SEWER
TUNNELS...



JJI.



IT IS OUR
FATE.
THERE IS
NOTHING
FOR YOU
TO BE
ASHAMED
OF.

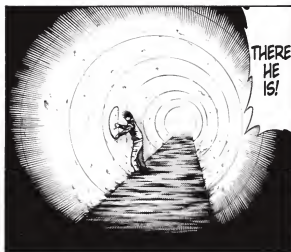


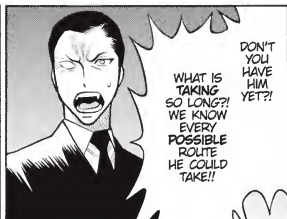
WE ARE
BORN TO
FOLLOW
THE
ORDERS
OF OUR
MASTERS,
CHILD.

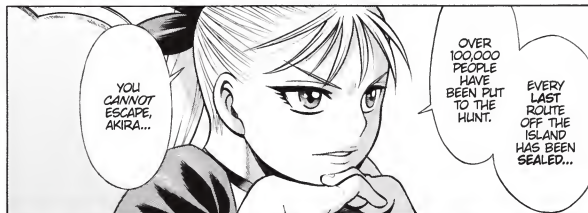
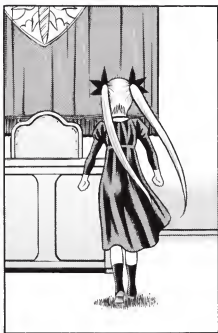


JJI,
I WOULD
LIKE YOU TO
POINT OUT
EVERY
POSSIBLE
ROUTE THAT
HE MAY
TAKE.

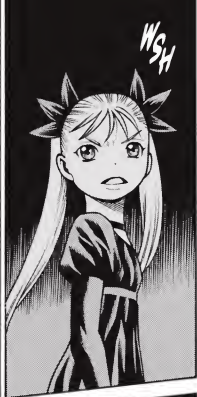
ALL
RIGHT
?





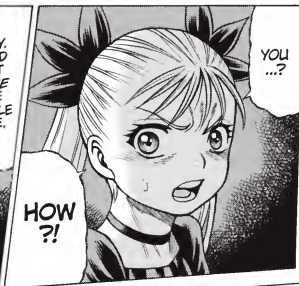








EASY.
I HID OUT
HERE
THE
WHOLE
TIME.



YOU
...?

HOW
?!



THEN
WHO DID
THEY
JUST...?!



DON'T
YOU
THINK
YOU'VE
GOT THE
WRONG
GLY?



HEY,
HEY!

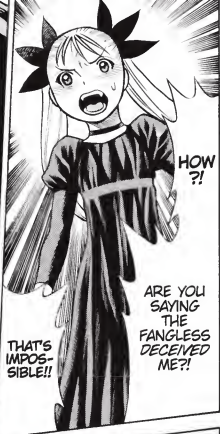
HOLD
ON A
SEC!



"FIND
AND
CAPTURE
AKIRA."
THAT'S
ALL YOU
SAID.



SO
THEY DID
JUST
THAT.
THEY
FOUND
AN
AKIRA.



HOW
?!

THAT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE!!

ARE YOU
SAYING
THE
FANGLESS
DECEIVED
ME?!



OH,
DON'T
WORRY.
THEY
CAN'T GO
AGAINST
YOUR
ORDERS.

THEY DID
EXACTLY
WHAT
YOU TOLD
THEM TO,
DOWN
TO THE
LETTER.



BECAUSE
YOU
AREN'T
OUR
MINA,
THAT'S
WHY!!

THEY MAY BE
BOUND TO YOU BY
THE BLOOD PACT,
BUT THEY SURE
AS HELL AREN'T
GOING TO ROLL
OVER AND FOLLOW
YOUR ORDERS
LIKE MINDLESS
ZOMBIES!



DO YOU
HAVE
ANY
IDEA
WHY?!



WHERE'S
OUR
HIME-
SAN?



DID YOU
COME ALL
THIS WAY
JUST TO
TELL ME
THAT...?



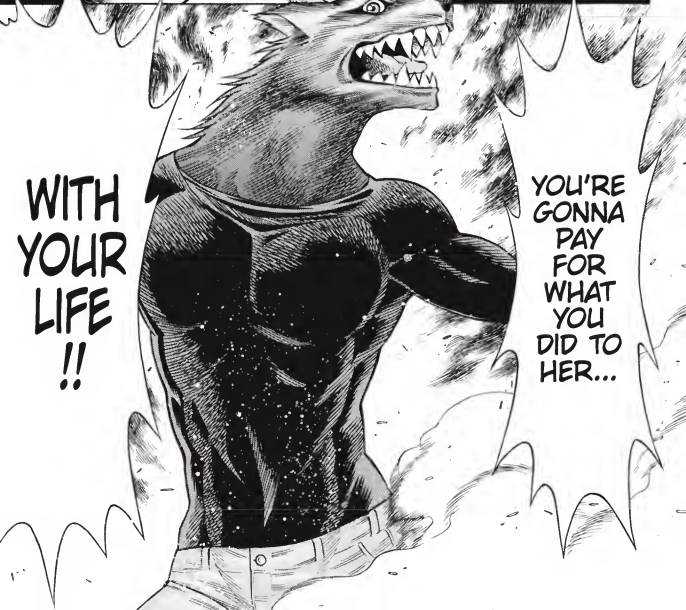
AND I
WOULDN'T
TELL YOU
EVEN IF
I DID.

I
HAVE
NO
IDEA.



TIME
FOR
PLAN
B...

THOUGHT
YOU'D
SAY
THAT.



WITH
YOUR
LIFE
!!

YOU'RE
GONNA
PAY
FOR
WHAT
YOU
DID TO
HER...

INSOLENT CUR...!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TALKING TO?!!

FNOOOOOSH





BREAK
IT
DOWN!

DAMMIT!
LOCKED!

THIS
IS AN
EMER-
GENCY,
WE
NEED TO
GET
IN!



YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY!

YOUR
MAJESTY,
WHAT'S
WRONG
?!



WHUNGH



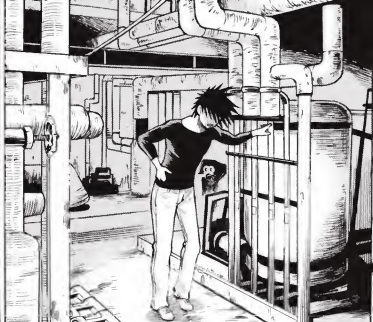
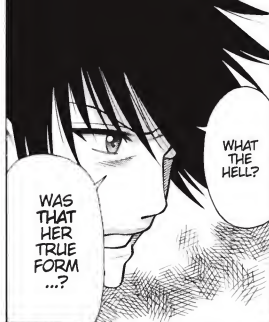


STOMP

Y- YOUR MAJES-

AKIRAAAAA!!

SO HE WENT UP, HMP?





DON'T
BE
SILLY.

YOU
HAVEN'T
DONE
ANYTHING
WRONG.
THERE'S NO
NEED FOR
YOU TO
APOLOGIZE.



I'M
SORRY,
ONII-
CHAN!

I'M
REALLY,
REALLY
SORRY!



WE'LL
WAIT...

ONII-
CHAN.



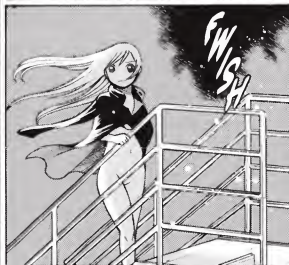
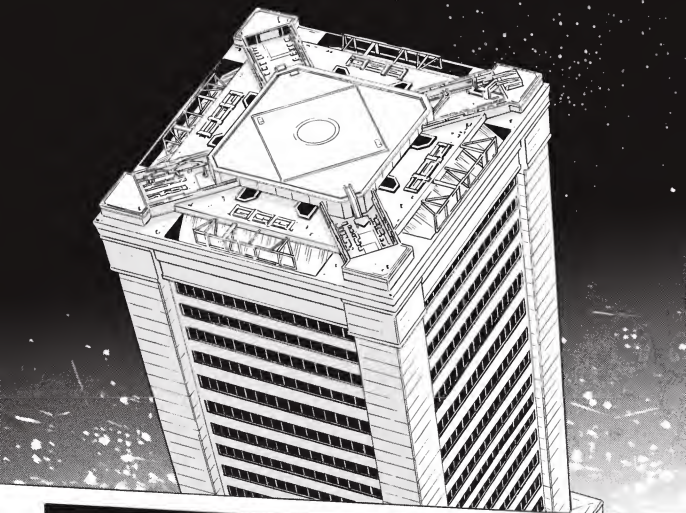
HANG IN
THERE
JUST A
LITTLE BIT
MORE,
OKAY?

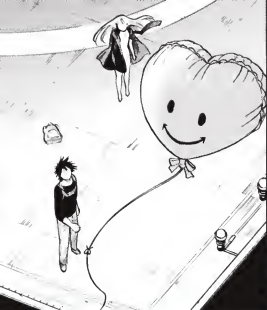
I'M
GOING TO
GO FIND
HIME-SAN,
AND BRING
HER HOME.
I
PROMISE.



TIME'S
ALMOST
UP...

I'VE
GOT
TO GET
GOING.







!





WHOOOSH

AKIRA!



YEAH. FOR BOSNIA AT LEAST.

HEY !!

TAKE CARE OF THE KID FOR ME, WOULD YA?

**HEY
!!**

BR000

TARGET
SUC-
CESS-
FULLY
AC-
QUIRED.

HAMA!
THIS
MAKES
US
EVEN,
GOT
IT?!

BRO000

'CUZ
HERE'S
WHERE
THE
REAL
FIGHT
STARTS
...

HNH.
HAD THIS SET
UP AS MY
EMERGENCY
ESCAPE OFF
THE BLIND,
BACK WHEN I
WAS STILL
WORKING FOR
ROZENMANN...

DIDN'T
THINK I'D
NEED IT
AFTER I
TURNED COAT,
BUT I
GUESS IT
MANAGED
TO COME
IN HANDY,
AFTER
ALL.

DIDN'T
THINK I'D
NEED IT
AFTER I
TURNED COAT,
BUT I
GUESS IT
MANAGED
TO COME
IN HANDY,
AFTER
ALL.



HA
HA...

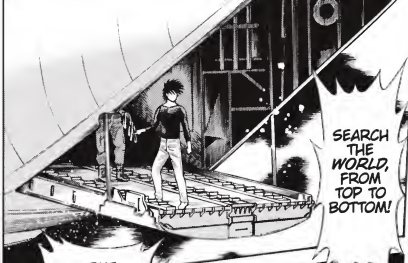
AHA
 HA
 HA
 HA
 HA
 HA
 HA
 !!!

AHA
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 !!

YOU
HONESTLY
GOT
ME!
WELL
DONE!!

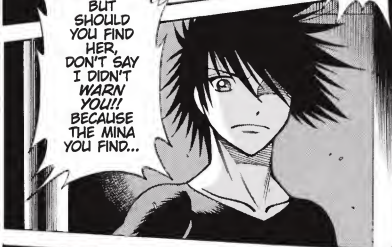
YOU
GOT
ME,
AKIRA
!

BWRO00000



SEARCH
THE
WORLD,
FROM
TOP TO
BOTTOM!

BUT
SHOULD
YOU FIND
HER,
DON'T SAY
I DIDN'T
WARN
YOU!!!
BECAUSE
THE MINA
YOU FIND...



MIGHT
NOT
BE THE
MINA
YOU'VE
ALWAYS
KNOWN
!!

VERY
WELL!
TRY
IF YOU
LIKE!



TRY
AND FIND
YOUR
LOST
WING,
YOUR
MISSING
PRIN-
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BE
READY,
WOLF-
CHILD
!!

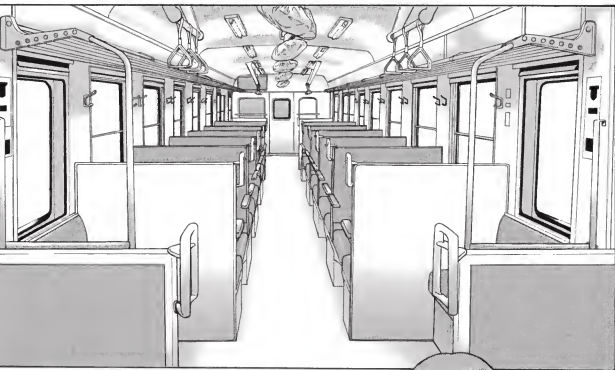
BE
READY
!!

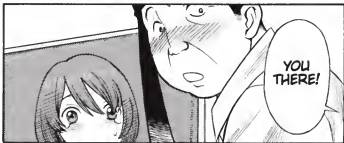
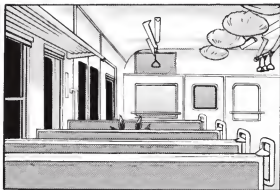
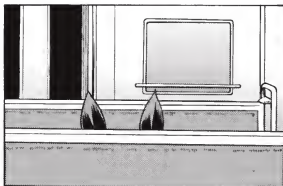


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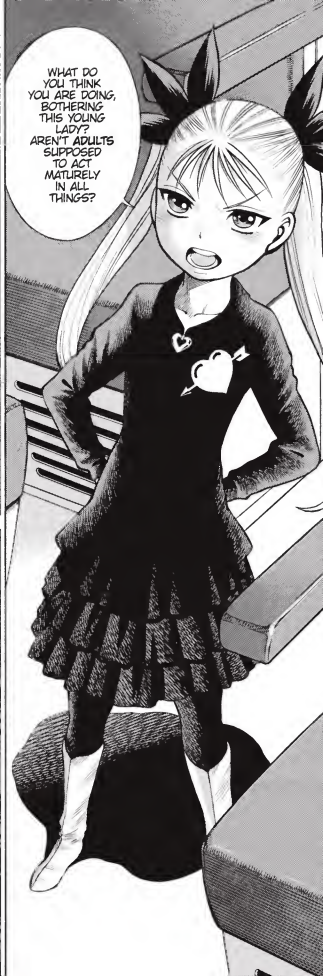




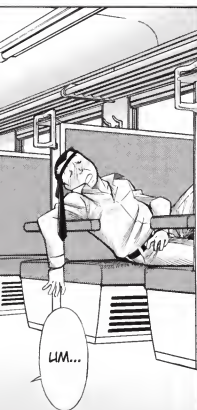


WHY
DON'T
YOU GO
REST,
OVER
THERE?

I THINK
YOU
MUST BE
TIRED,
AFTER
SUCH A
LONG
DAY'S
WORK.



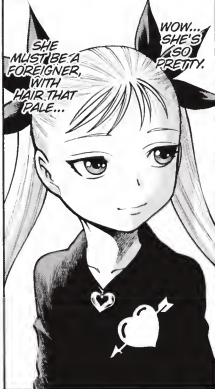
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU ARE
DOING,
BOOTHERING
THIS YOUNG
LADY?
AREN'T ADULTS
SUPPOSED
TO ACT
MATURELY
IN ALL
THINGS?



UM...



O-
OKAY
...



SHE
MUST BE A
FOREIGNER,
WITH
HAIR THAT
PALE...

WOW...
SHE'S
ALSO
PRETTY.



IT WAS
NOTHING.

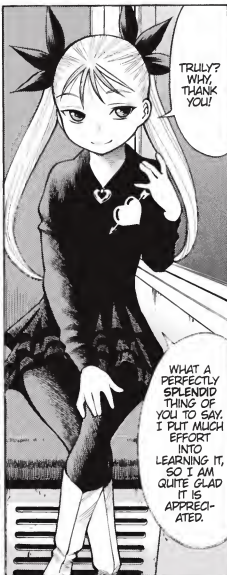
A
TRIFLE,
REALLY.
THINK
NOTHING
OF IT.

THANK
YOU
FOR
HELPING
ME.



"PERFECTLY
SPLENDID"?
WHAT ERA
DOES SHE
THINK THIS
IS...?

SO,
UM...
WHERE
ARE
YOU
FROM?



TRULY?
WHY,
THANK
YOU!

WHAT A
PERFECTLY
SPLENDID
THING OF
YOU TO SAY.
I PUT MUCH
EFFORT
INTO
LEARNING IT,
SO I AM
QUITE GLAD
IT IS APPRECI-
ATED.



IS
THERE
SOME-
THING
ON MY
FACE?

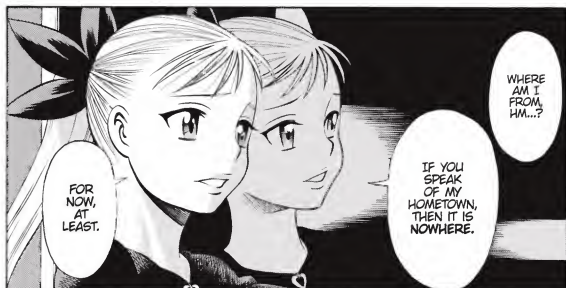
EEP!

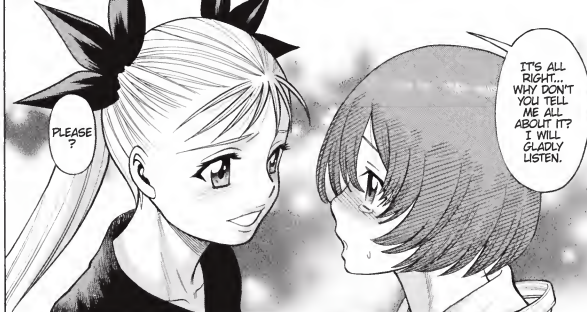
N-
NO...



I WAS
JUST
THINKING
THAT YOU
SPEAK
JAPANESE
REALLY
WELL...

I,
UM...





PLEASE
?

IT'S ALL
RIGHT...
WHY DON'T
YOU TELL
ME ALL
ABOUT IT?
I WILL
GLADLY
LISTEN.



BEFORE
I KNEW IT,
I HAD
TOLD HER
EVERYTHING.

THE GIRL SAID
HER NAME
WAS MINA,
AND SHE HAD
THE WARMEST,
KINDEST VOICE
I HAD EVER
HEARD.



ABOUT HOW
I WAS STUCK
AT HOME WITH
THE MEASLES
THE DAY HE
HAD TO LEAVE,
AND SO I
HAD NO
CHANCE
TO SAY
GOODBYE...

EVERYTHING
ABOUT THE
BOY I WAS
GOOD FRIENDS
WITH AT SCHOOL,
AND HOW HIS
FAMILY
SUDDENLY
HAD TO
MOVE.

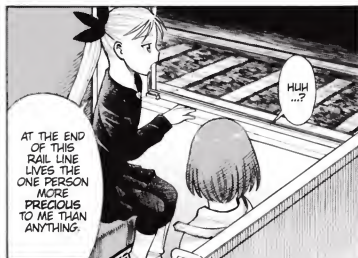


I...
I JUST
COULDN'T
STAND IT.
I HAVE
TO SEE
HIM
AGAIN
...



SO YOU
WISHED
TO SEE
THIS
TAKAFUMI-
KUN FOR
ONE LAST
TIME THAT
BADLY,
HM?

I SEE
...



AT THE END
OF THIS
RAIL LINE
LIVES THE
ONE PERSON
MORE
PRECIOUS
TO ME THAN
ANYTHING.

HUIH
...?



I
UNDER-
STAND. I
UNDER-
STAND
VERY
WELL...

I AM
DOING
MUCH
OF THE
SAME
THING
YOU ARE
RIGHT
NOW,
TRUTH
BE TOLD.



BUT
RECENTLY,
WORK
BROUGHT
ME HERE
TO JAPAN,
AND THE
THOUGHT
OF HIM
BEING SO
CLOSE...
WELL...

YES.
I HAVE
LONG BEEN
UNABLE
TO SEE HIM
FOR A
MULTITUDE
OF
REASONS
...

SOME-
ONE
"PRE-
CIOUS"
TO
YOU...?



EEP!

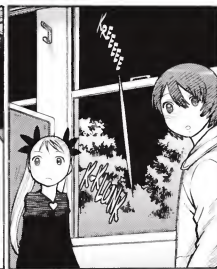
THOUGH,
I MUST
SAY THIS
TAKAFUMI-
KUN OF
YOURS IS
CERTAINLY
THE LUCKY
MAN!

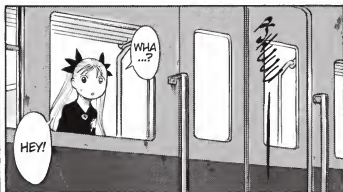
HAVING
SUCH A
LOVELY
YOUNG
LADY AS
YOU IN
LOVE WITH
HIM...

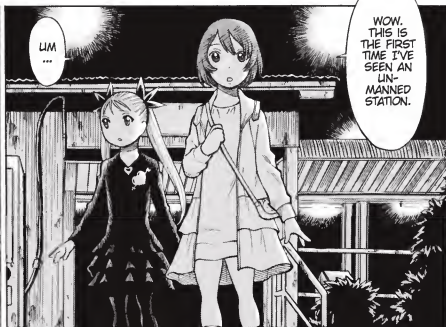
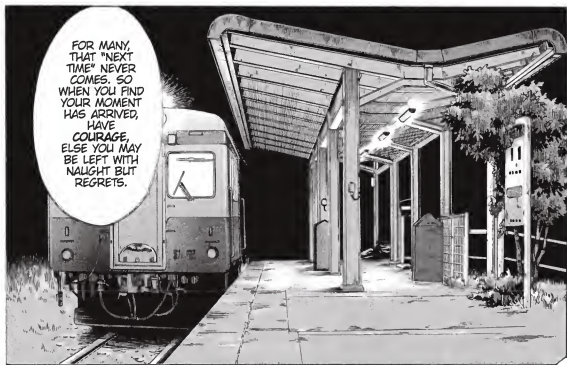


SO
THERE.
WE ARE
THE
SAME,
WE
TWO.

I
SIMPLY
COULD
NOT
BEAR
TO STAY
AWAY.











LET'S
GO!

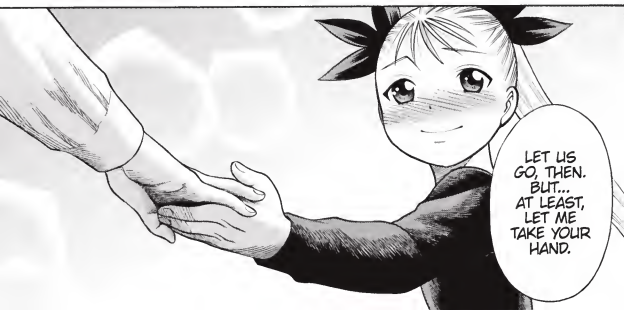


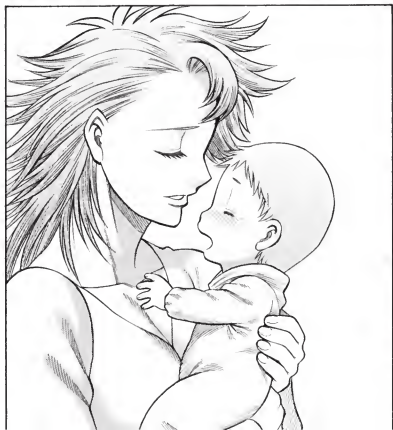
I...
I
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
...!

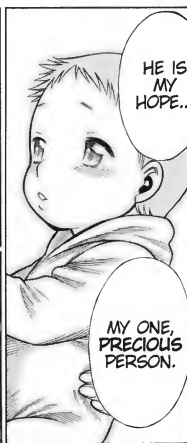
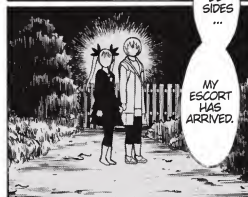


I DON'T
EVEN
KNOW IF
HE WILL
FEEL THE
SAME FOR
ME OR
NOT...

ALL OF
THIS--
ALL OF
IT!--
ARE MY
FEELINGS
ALONE.











AFTER
THAT
NIGHT...

I NEVER
SAW THAT
STRANGE,
BEAUTIFUL
GIRL
AGAIN.

ソタナベ
デザイン社
WATANABE DESIGN

サンタドリ



WE GOT
THE JOB
FOR
NAKANOKA
GROCERY'S
UPCOMING
SALE AD!!

TAKA-
FUMI-
KUN!
WE
GOT
IT!



THAT'S
INCREDIBLE!
WHICH
CORPORATION
IS IT?
OR IS IT
GOVERN-
MENT?

WOW,
A TINY
BUSINESS
LIKE US
GOING
GLOBAL!

NEITHER!
LOOK!



YOU'RE
NOT
GOING
TO
BELIEVE
THIS!

THEY'RE HUGE!
ENORMOUS!
AND THEY CAME
LOOKING
SPECIFICALLY
FOR US TO DO
A PAMPHLET
THEY'RE GOING
TO HAND OUT AT
A WORLD-WIDE
PRESS
CONFERENCE!!



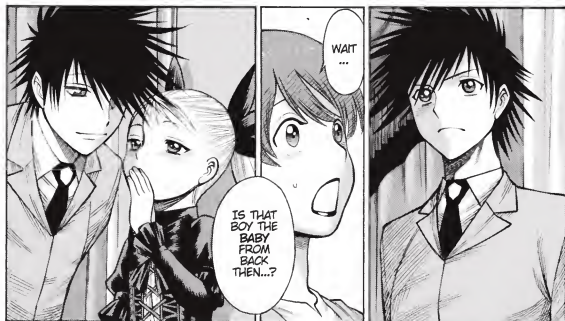
I-IF YOU
ARE ALL
RIGHT
WITH A
TINY, LITTLE
COMPANY
LIKE US,
WE'D BE
GLAD
TO!!

O-OF
COURSE!



A NEW
CUS-
TOMER
WITH AN
ORDER?

AT
THIS
TIME OF
NIGHT?
HOW
UNUSU-
AL.





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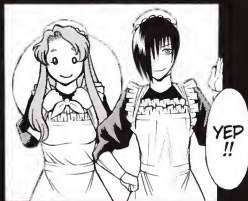


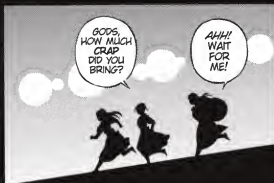
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